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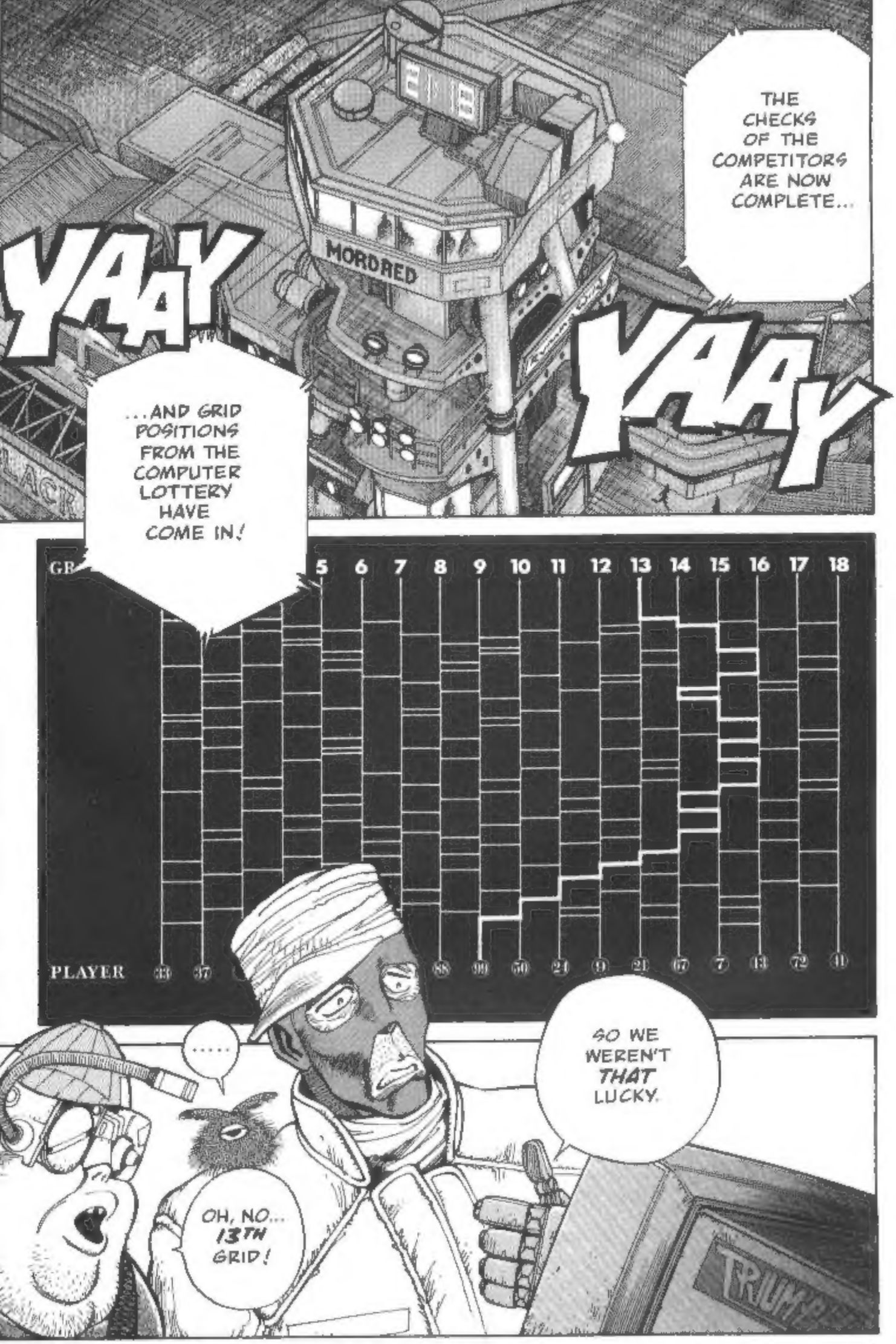
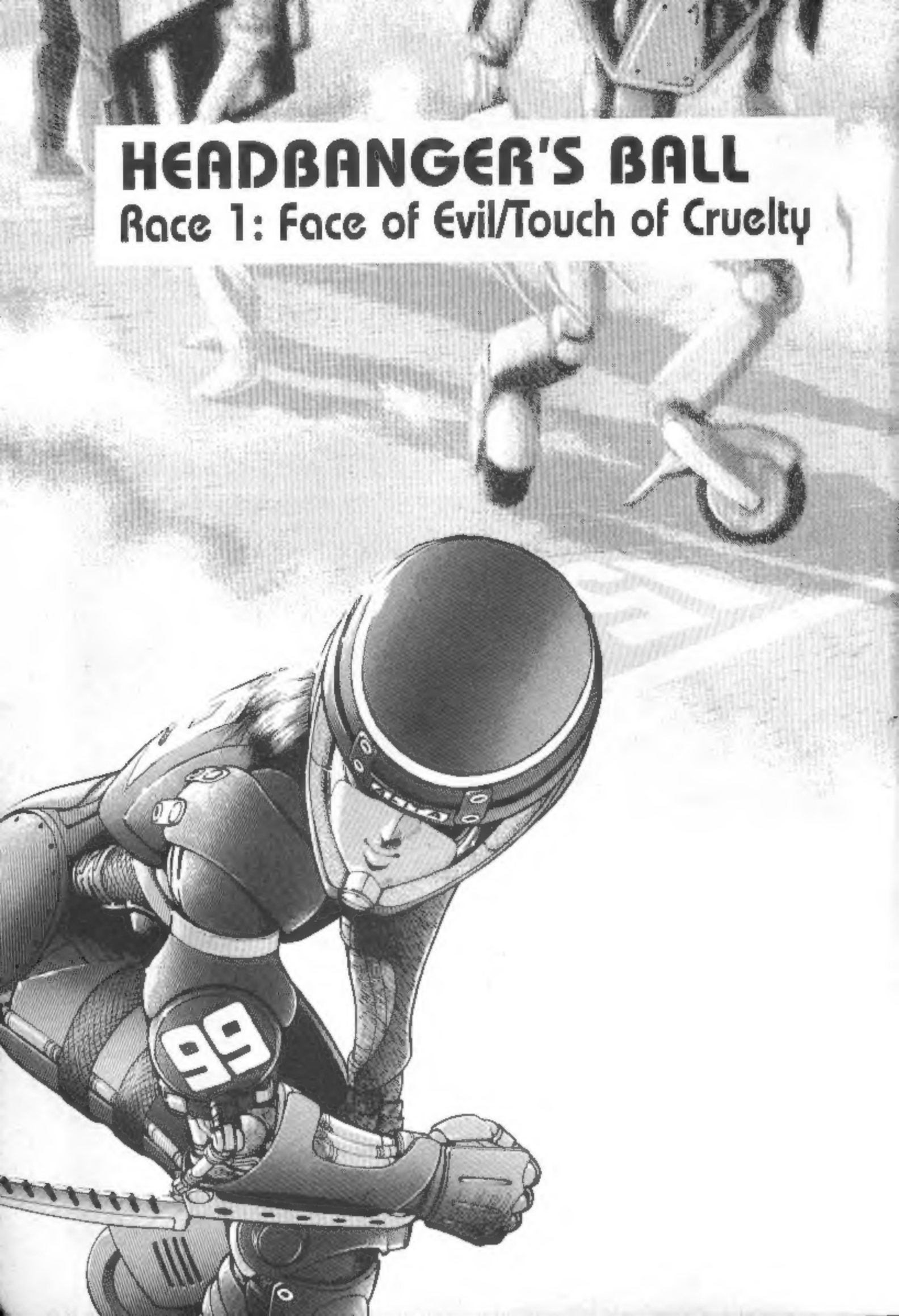

YAAY
MORDRED
THE CHECKS OF THE COMPETITORS ARE NOW COMPLETE...
YAAY
...AND GRID POSITIONS FROM THE COMPUTER LOTTERY HAVE COME IN!
GR
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
PLAYER
33 37 88 99 60 24 9 21 67 7 13 72 41
.....
OH, NO... 13TH GRID!
SO WE WEREN'T THAT LUCKY.
TRUMP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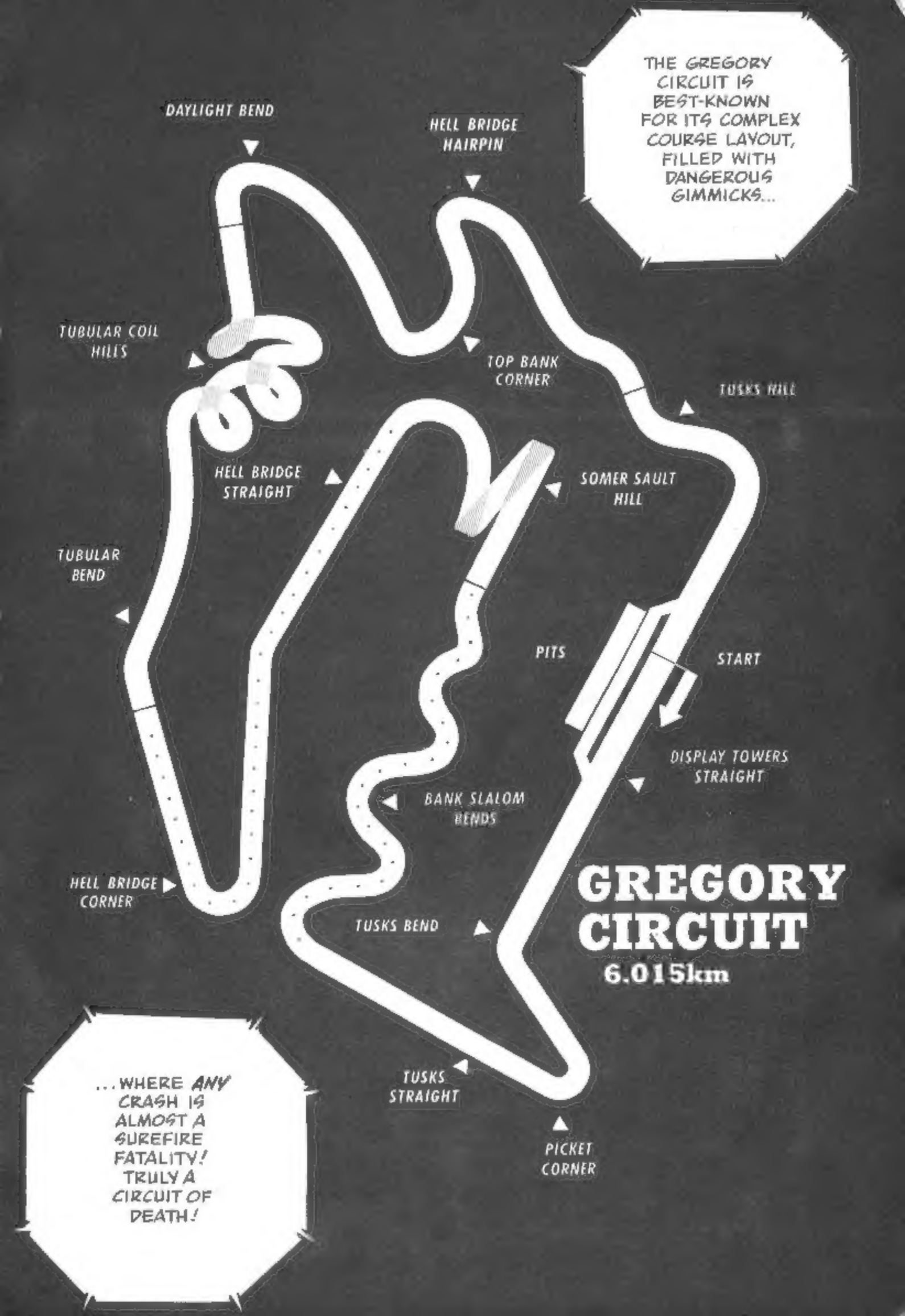
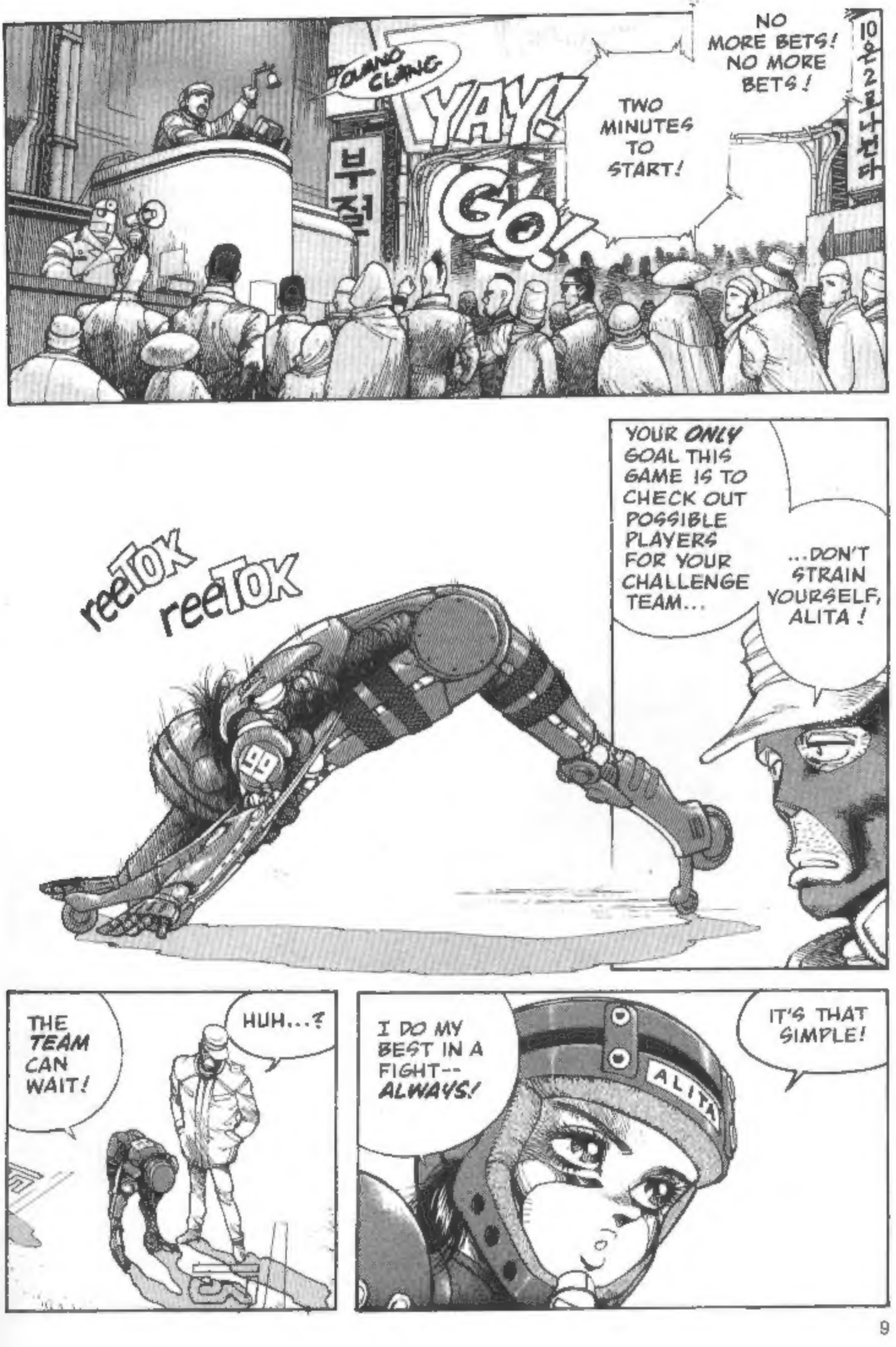

THE GREGORY CIRCUIT IS BEST-KNOWN FOR ITS COMPLEX COURSE LAYOUT, FILLED WITH DANGEROUS GIMMICKS...
DAYLIGHT BEND
HELL BRIDGE HAIRPIN
TUBULAR COIL HILLS
TOP BANK CORNER
TUSKS HILL
HELL BRIDGE STRAIGHT
SOMER SAULT HILL
TUBULAR BEND
PITS
START
DISPLAY TOWERS STRAIGHT
BANK SLALOM BENDS
HELL BRIDGE CORNER
TUSKS BEND
GREGORY CIRCUIT
6.015km
...WHERE ANY CRASH IS ALMOST A SUREFIRE FATALITY! TRULY A CIRCUIT OF DEATH!
TUSKS STRAIGHT
PICKET CORNER

HERE AT GREGORY, COMPETITION CONCLUDES WHEN THE MOTORBALL--NOT THE PLAYER--CROSSES THE FINISH LINE FIVE TIMES!
SHOULD THE MOTORBALL BE LOST IN ONE OF THE HAZARDOUS "HELL BRIDGE" AREAS, A NEW BALL WILL BE READIED AT THE STARTING LINE!
GRID POSITIONS
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
24 SKARAMASAKUS
21 XAGNAL
59 FRANVERGE
1 ARMBLESSED
33 BARGERALD
45 VALDICCI
9 HALBERD
37 VICKERS
67 GLAIVE
13 PESHKAVUS
6 COPPERHEAD
36 GALLANT
99 ALITA
41 CHAKRAM
72 MADOSEN
50 TIEGEL
7 ZAFAL TAKIÉ
88 AJAKUTTY
WOOSH
ALL OTHER RULES CONFORM TO STANDARD MOTORBALL REGULATIONS! PENALTIES WILL BE ASSESSED FOR STOPPING LONGER THAN THIRTY SECONDS OR GOING BACKWARD ALONG THE COURSE! ONLY WEAPONS ATTACHED TO THE BODY ARE ALLOWED! NO HANDHELD WEAPONS! NO FLYING, OR USING BOOSTERS! NO EXPLODING WEAPONS!


CLANG CLANG
YAY!
Go!
TWO MINUTES TO START!
NO MORE BETS! NO MORE BETS!
부절
10 운2로나뉜다
reeTok reeTok
99
YOUR ONLY GOAL THIS GAME IS TO CHECK OUT POSSIBLE PLAYERS FOR YOUR CHALLENGE TEAM...
...DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF, ALITA!
THE TEAM CAN WAIT!
HUH...?
I DO MY BEST IN A FIGHT-- ALWAYS!
ALITA
IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

YAAAH! YAAAH!
THE MOTORBALL IS BEING SET ON THE LAUNCH ARM!
ONE MINUTE TO START!
YAAAH! YAAAH!
DOCTOR IDO, YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE...

...BUT IF IT TURNS OUT THAT YOU APPROACHED ME AND MY SISTER TO HELP THIS ALITA WIN--YOU'LL PAY DEARLY! UNDERSTAND?
AH..
. THAT'S NOT IT, JASHUGAN.
PHEW!
I- OKAY, I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
--AS YOU'VE GUESSED, I KNOW ALITA VERY WELL
THE SIGNAL HAS TURNED FROM RED TO GREEN--
YAAH

--AND THE PLAYERS ARE OFF!
VRROOMSH!

KAFWAK
THE MOTORBALL IS THROWN BY THE LAUNCHER ARM! WHAT A START HERE AT GREGORY!
CHAMPION ARMBLESSED GOES FOR THE MOTORBALL!
BUT WAIT-!
FWSSSH!
KONGFWOOM
OUTTA THE WAY!
THE BALL HAS BEEN SNATCHED BY NO 24, SKARAMAGARUS, A CROUCHING-STYLE MODEL!*
HE'S ONE OF THREE CIRCUIT-RIDERS TRAINED IN AJAKUTTY'S ASIAN ARTS!

*BUILT LOW TO THE GROUND FOR LESS AIR RESISTANCE. AS LONG AS A "CROUCHER" HAS LEGS AND ARMS, IT'S NOT AGAINST REGULATIONS.

NICE GOIN', MASA!
DON'T FALL BEHIND, HALBERD! C'MON!
THE TRIO'S MASTER IS STILL LAGGING BEHIND No 50, TIEGEL!
OUTTA THE WAY, YA LUG!
PUP PUP PUP PUP PUP
50
IF LOVELY ALITA IS EVER TO ACCEPT ME.. I MUST WIN THIS RACE!
FAN-FAVORITE ALITA SEEMS TRAPPED IN THE GRIDLOCK!
DAMN IT!
VREEEM
ONE PLAYER IS EASILY PASSING THE OTHERS-- IT'S.
No 7, ZAFAL TAKIÉ! SINCE HER RECENT DEBUT, THE CRIMSON WIND HAS WON THREE CONSECUTIVE RACES!
SHOOT IT
AH!
SHOOSH

HOORAY! GO!
ALITA IS PRACTICALLY FAMILY. ALMOST LIKE A A DAUGHTER TO ME.
I CAME HERE TO GET MY RUNAWAY GIRL TO COME HOME...
ALITA'S SO EMOTIONAL, SO ONE-TRACK-MINDED-- JUST TALKING HER INTO QUITTING MOTORBALL WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE...
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY..
ALITA MUST BE COMPLETELY DEFEATED IN THE GAME!
AND FOR THAT, I NEED THE STRENGTH OF A CHAMPION!

VRRRM
FROOM
PESKY WOMAN! GEH! BY THE ORDER OF ARMBLESSED, YOU SHALL BE EXTERMINATED!
!
I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY IT!
VSSH
SHSHH
VMMM
WHA-!?

FWAM!
PANG
SHASSH
HAA!
THEY MANEUVER SO QUICKLY...!
TOK
JING

YAAAAAY!
AT THE TUSKS STRAIGHT, ALITA IS ALREADY IN A MIGHTY BATTLE...
...FACING THE SECOND-RANKED PAIR OF THE BROTHERS GALLANT AND VICKERS, Nos. 36 AND 37!
ALSO IN BATTLE IS THIRD-RANKED No 41, CHAKRAM!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S No 13, "DIRTY" PESHKAVUS, WHO'S PULLING THE STRINGS! HE'S WELL-KNOWN AS "CALIGULA" ARMBLESSED'S RIGHT-HAND MAN!
SNAAP
TOING
!
GEH!
SHASH
AH! PESHKAVUS JUST THREW SOMETHING!
ALITA'S OFF-BALANCE! GET READY, CRASH-FANS...!

SOMP
YOU ALL RIGHT, SISTER!?
NO. 88, "CRUSHER" AJAKUTTY, GRABBED ALITA IN THE NICK OF TIME!
TH-THANKS, AJY!
THAT'S CRAZY!
OFFICIALS HAVE RULED THAT THE PESHKAVUS ACTION WILL BE CONSIDERED AN ACCIDENTAL BREAKAGE OF A BODILY PART--NO PENALTY!
AFTER SETTLING THEIR DISAGREEMENT OVER THE NUMBER 99, AJAKUTTY AND ALITA SEEM CLOSE ALLIES!
CALLED "THE CROWNLESS KING," AJAKUTTY'S FIGHTING ABILITY IS SAID TO RIVAL THE CHAMPION, ARMBLESSED!
WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN...! GEH!
DAMN YOU AND YOUR DIRTY TRICKS!

KA
TASH
FIRST A LEG LOCK &
SWAT
RAAAH!
KITANG
DAMN YOU!
BROTHER!
KA
BLOOF!
SHASH

SKWAK
ONE!
SPINNING SATELLITE STRIKE!
HAA!
ALITA
TWO!
SKLIKT
FOOF
WHAT THE--!?
GYAA AH!
THIS'LL GET HER!
POIK
INCREDIBLE! AN AERIAL BATTLE AT OVER TWO HUNDRED KILOMETERS PER HOUR!
GEH, HEH! DIE!
"DIRTY TRICKS" PESHKAVUS IS SPREADING OIL ON THE TRACK!
SPLOOOSH

AJY--!
CHECK!
TANG
A BEAUTIFUL COMBINATION PLAY! FOR THE MASTER OF GROUND ATTACK FIST, AN OIL SLICK HAS NO EFFECT! A PERFECT USE OF TI KUNG CHUAN!
SHAAAAAA
GEH! HAND OVER YOUR WEAPON!
KRAK
WHAT ARE YOU--!?
NOW PESHKAVUS HAS SET FIRE TO A TEAMMATE! DOES HIS DIRTY FIGHTING KNOW NO END!?
YAA ARGH!
FWOOSH
GO BLOCK HER, DOLT!
URGH!
WHANG

NOW YOU WILL DIE--!
SKREE!
!?
YOU FOOL!
GEH!?
OH, NO!
YOU WON'T GET ME SO EASILY--!
SWAM
UNGH!

GHPPAH!
SKREEEECH
HACK
CHOP
HOORAY!
AAGH!
THIS IS TERRIBLE! PESHKAVUS HAS RIPPED THROUGH THE FENCE AND INTO THE SPECTATORS!
GEH, HEH-- THAT WAS CLOSE...BUT SHE WON'T FOLLOW ME IN HERE!
UHHH!
HOW LOW CAN SLIME SINK!?
THE BLEACHERS ARE LIKE A PORTRAIT OF HELL!
S-SISTER!?
SISTER! HE'S NOT WORTH IT!
SKRRRK!

MY GOD! ALITA IS ACCEPTING A PENALTY AND GOING BACKWARDS ALONG THE COURSE! HAS HER ANGER TOWARD DESHKAVUS FINALLY REACHED THE LIMIT!?
SHOOM
NOW TO GET BACK TO THE COURSE. GEH, HEH!
G-GEH !?
PLORK
GUNG
AH !
I SHALL NOT STAND BY...
AAAH! NO! STOP! HELP!
KAKRESH

...IN THE PRESENCE OF EVIL!
ALITA
HERTZA HAEON!
KATWANG
YAAAAY
GLAAA!
GAH!
SOUK
PLOP
IT'S DONE.
SSST
SSST
ALITA

YAAAAY
ALITA IS PENALIZED TEN POINTS--
BUT--THE CROWD IS GOING WILD OVER HER RETURN TO PUNISH PESHKAVUS REGARDLESS OF THE PENALTY!
.....
RUNNING INTO SHUMIRA AND GETTING CLOSE TO YOU WAS ALL COINCIDENCE, CHAMPION. I HAD NO INTENTION OF HURTING EITHER OF YOU.
PLEASE BELIEVE ME.
I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T TURN OUT TO BE A BAD PERSON, IDO .
...I CAN NEVER STAND TO SEE LITTLE SHUMIRA'S TEARS.

SO ALITA AND YOU ARE FAMILY. THAT'S GOOD, YOU KNOW...
...IT'S GOOD TO HAVE FAMILY.
SHAAAA
!?
JAGHUGAN !?
WUMP

SSSSSSS
LA LA LA LA LA
SSSSS
YAAAY!
YAAAY!

-;SIGH;-
SHUMIRA USED TO BE LONELY BY HERSELF IN THIS BIG HOUSE...
BUT AFTER IDO COME, BIG BROTHER HOME NOW, TOO! SHUMIRA SO VERY HAPPY!
GRR
BUT IDO IN LOVE WITH THAT GIRL...!
AND IF IDO GO AWAY, BIG BROTHER GO AWAY, TOO...!
BIG BROTHER ! NO!
OWW.. SHUMIRA'S EYE !

BEEP
DUP
CLS
EL
HOME
*
7
8
9
/
4
5
6
1
2
3
ANOTHER FLATLINE ATTACK..!
HIS CONDITION IS DETERIORATING MORE RAPIDLY THAN I EXPECTED!

YAAY! GO!
HE TRUSTED ME! I CAN'T LET HIM DIE!
GOT TO REVIVE HIM!
LIKE LAST TIME--I HAVE TO PREPARE AN ACETYLCHOLINE SHOCK TREATMENT! I'LL NEED A BRAIN-WAVE SEQUENCER*... AND SHUMIRA!
PWUP
!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT..

*USED TO TAKE A PRE SAMPLED BRAIN WAVE, MODIFY IT, AND OUTPUT IT TO THE PATIENT

YAAAAAY
NO. 99, ALITA, SHOWS HER SUPERIOR ABILITY AND UTTERLY DEFEATS NO. 13, PESHKAVUS!
BUT SHE FACES A MAJOR PENALTY FOR GOING BACKWARD ON THE TRACK! SHE NOW HAS A GREAT DEAL OF GROUND TO RECOVER IN ORDER TO CATCH UP!
SORRY..!
YOU DUMMY! GETTING PENALIZED JUST TO GO AFTER AN OPPONENT!
TSK!

NO. 50, "WALKING LAST PLACE" TIEGEL, CLOSES IN ON ALITA!
RMRMRMRM
ALITAAA! PLEEEEEZE LET ME JOIN YOUR GROOOOP!
XSH
WHOA!
VOOM
MEANWHILE, THE LEADER AND BALLKEEPER NO. 24, SKARAMASAKUS, IS ALREADY GOING THROUGH THE BANKED SLALOM BENDS!
ALITA
LEADER
KYOO
WHOOSH

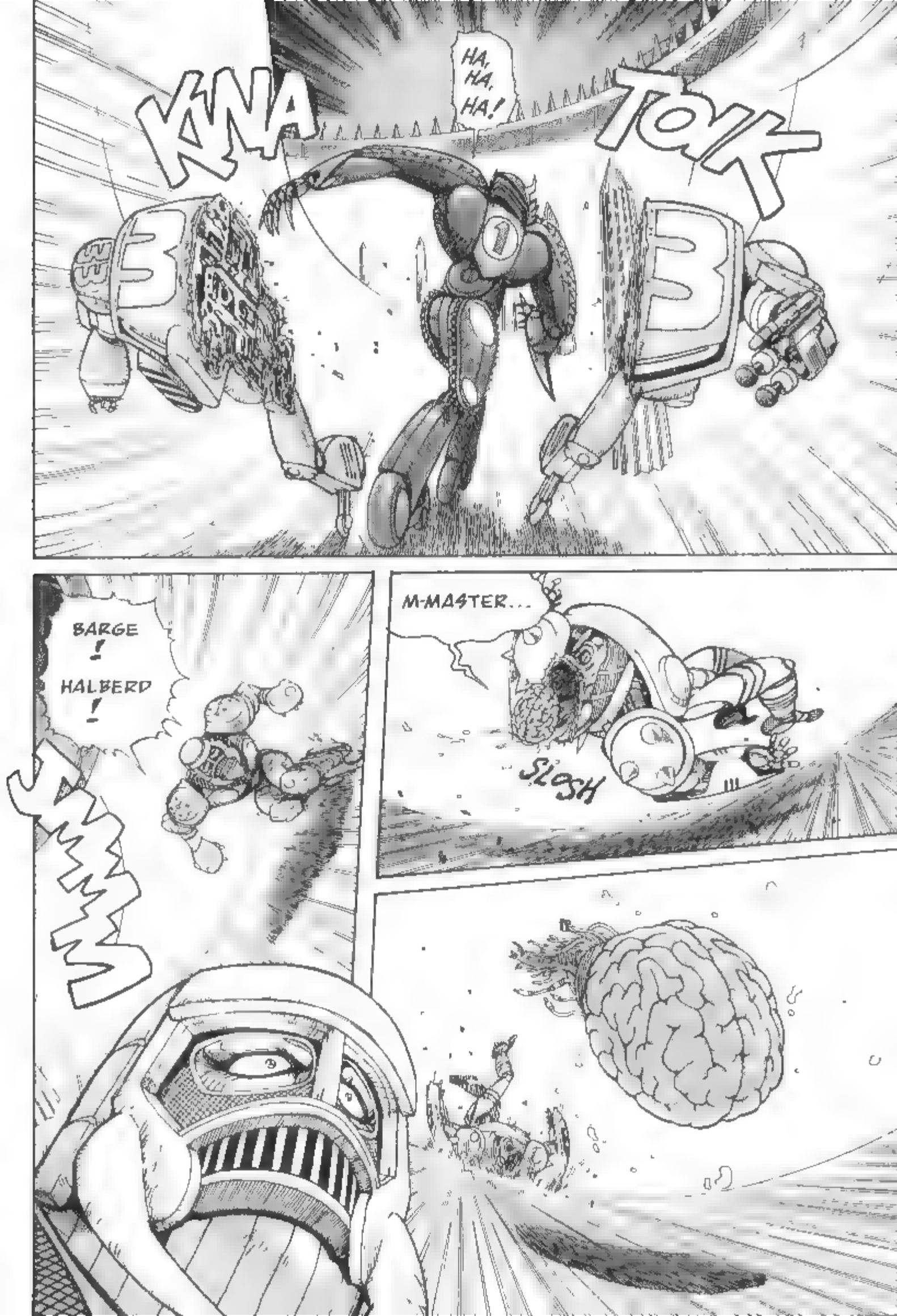
RIGHT AFTER THE BANKED SLALOM BENDS IS THE SOMER-SAULT HILL! UNLESS A PLAYER ACCELERATES ENOUGH TO BUILD CENTRIF-UGAL FORCE, THERE'S NO GETTING PAST THIS POINT!
SKOOOOM
SKARAMASAKUS EASILY CLEARS THE LOOP!
IN SECOND PLACE IS NO. 59, FRANVERGE... N-NO!
SHUUUU
NO. 7, ZAFAL TAKIÉ! SHE MOVES INTO SECOND PLACE FROM THE REARMOST GRID!
ZWWWW

YAAAAY!
IN FOURTH PLACE IS NO. 1, "CALIGULA" ARMBLESSED! HE IS CHEERED BY HIS MANY FANS AS HE GOES THROUGH THE BANKED SLALOM BENDS!
SLALOM
CHAMPION!
TAKE MY ARMS, CHAMPION!
CUT MY ARMS!
HMPH!
IN HIS PRE-WIN RITUAL, ARMBLESSED PLACES THE "HANDS OF VICTORY" UPON HIS HORNS!
CHUK
YEAH! I GOT PICKED! LOOK! THE CHAMP TOOK MY ARMS!
AWWW! YOU'RE SO LUCKY!
PLIP PLOP

BEHIND ARMBLESSED, A MASSIVE BATTLE AMONGST THE NEW PLAYERS IS UNFOLDING!
PILE-DRIVER!
CRESCENT MOON KICK!
BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM
KRONK
THE VICTORS ARE NO. 33, BARGERALD, AND NO. 9, HALBERD! TOGETHER WITH SKARAMASAKUS IN THE LEAD, THEY MAKE UP THE DISCIPLES OF AJAKUTTY'S "ASIAN ARTS"!
LET'S KEEP GOING, BARGE!
RIGHT!
BOOSH

NO. 33, BARGERALD, AND NO. 9, HALBERD, DARINGLY ATTACK "CALIGULA"!
YAAAAAAH!
SHISH
UGK!?
WHOOM

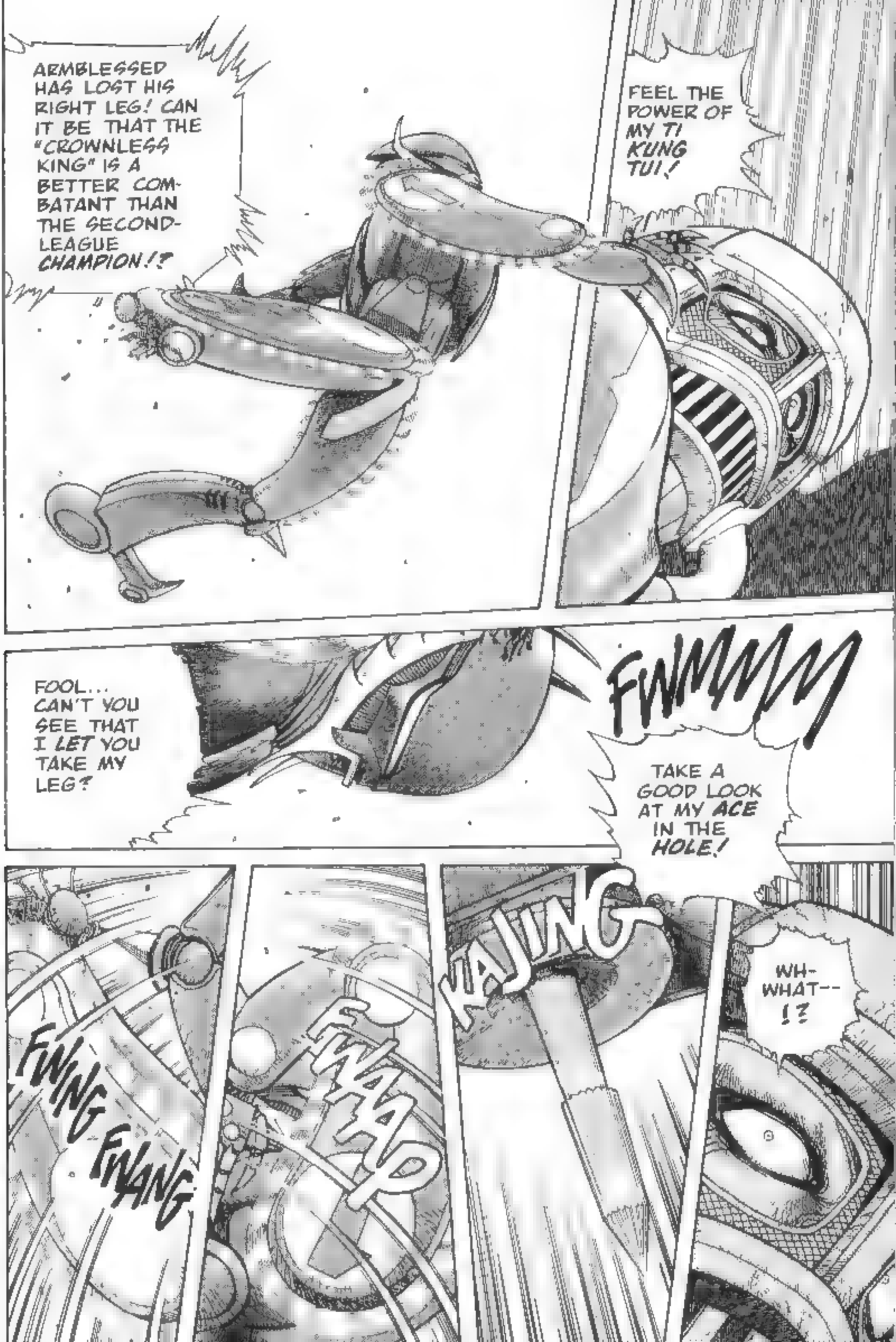
YIIAAA! THE "NUTCRACKER"! TRANSAXIAL PLANE SLICE!
SKRRRRRR
SKANNG
WAGHHHH!
YOU MAY GO!
FWIP
YES! IT'S THE CHAMPION'S "NUTCRACKER"-- A FAVORITE AMONG HIS FANS!
VRRRMM
I CAN'T SEE... !
HOW DARE YOU DO THAT TO HALBERD !
ZOOSH
SAGITTAL PLANE SLICE!
SMASH


KNA
TOK
HA, HA, HA!
BARGE !
HALBERD !
M-MASTER...
SLOSH

SKLORP
YAAAAAH!
DAMN YOU, ARMBLESSED!
FUCK
HMPH! IT'S THEIR FAULT-- FOR BEING WEAK!

AMAZING! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME "CRUSHER" AJAKUTTY AND "CALIGULA" ARMBLESSED HAVE GONE HEAD TO HEAD!
KANG
WE'RE GOING TO SETTLE THIS TODAY!
KAKRANG KANG
YOU COMBAT-CRAZY FOOL!
A GREAT MOVE BY AJAKUTTY, AS HE TAKES THE FRONT POSITION!
FASH
SKANNNG

THIS FIGHT IS MINE!
KLANG
HAAAYAAA!


ARMBLESSED HAS LOST HIS RIGHT LEG! CAN IT BE THAT THE "CROWNLESS KING" IS A BETTER COMBATANT THAN THE SECOND-LEAGUE CHAMPION!?
FEEL THE POWER OF MY TI KUNG TUI!
FOOL... CAN'T YOU SEE THAT I LET YOU TAKE MY LEG?
FWMMMM
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT MY ACE IN THE HOLE!
FWING FWANG
FWAP
KAJUNG
WH-WHAT--!?

WHAT'S THIS!? ARMBLESSED'S BODY IS BEGINNING TO SPIN LIKE A TOP!
THIS IS GUSHIKEN-- THE TAIWANESE SPIN!
ZEEENG
KRRK SHEK
GWAH!!

TAK FWOK
HA, HA. HA.HA, HA. HA!
AMAZING! "CALIGULA" HAS CRUSHED "CRUSHER" INSTEAD--!
ZEEEENG
AJY--!
IS YOUR BRAIN INTACT ?
S-SISTER... HE GOT ME...
GO AND HEAL AJY.. THIS FIGHT IS MINE.!
ALITA

DOCTOR IDO.
IF I SHOULD EVER NOT COME BACK FROM A FLATLINE ATTACK...PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY SISTER.
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! YOU'RE THE IMMORTAL CHAMPION! YOU'LL ALWAYS COME BACK TO LIFE!
DON'T TRY TO HIDE IT..
THE RECONSTRUCTIVE BRAIN SURGERY I HAD.. IT'S KILLING ME, ISN'T IT?

MY FINAL DEATH IS NEAR.
....
I'M SORRY, JASHUGAN. WITH ONLY THE TECHNOLOGY HERE IN THE SCRAPYARD, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO SAVE YOU...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, FRIEND THIS IS DESTINY.
BUT, I WILL NOT DIE UNTIL MY LAST GAME-- TO PRESERVE MY HONOR AS CHAMPION...
. .THE GAME AGAINST ALITA!
GO!
YAAAY

TOK
FWOK
GHOK
KABOOM
KWA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
ARMBLESSED EXTENDS HIS CHAIN BLADE AND DICES NO. 99, FRANVERGE, ALONG THE TRANSAXIAL PLANE!
ZEEENG
JENG
IS IT SO FUN TO KILL!?
I LIVE! I KILL! AS A DESTROYER, I USE MY STRENGTH WITH MADDENING JOY!
JENG
OF COURSE!
WEENG
AND COMPARED TO THAT, A CREATOR'S POWER IS NO MORE THAN CHILD'S PLAY!

UNGH!
TANG
CAN'T GET TOO CLOSE! HIS CHAIN BLADE GOES STRAIGHT FOR THE VITAL AREAS!
COME, GIRL! IT'S TIME TO DYE THIS TRACK PINK WITH YOUR BRAIN--AS I PROMISED!!
ZEEEENG

¡HA!
YAAH!

TAK
POI NG
NOW!
YOU FORGET, ARMBLESSED!
YOU'RE COMPLETELY VULNERABLE-- FROM ABOVE!
I FORGET NOTHING!

I KNEW YOU'D STUMBLE INTO THAT GAMBIT!
!
ARMBLESSED IS CHANGING BACK-- PREPARING FOR AN AERIAL CONFRONTATION!
BASILISK
KA-NG
WA-NG

TIING

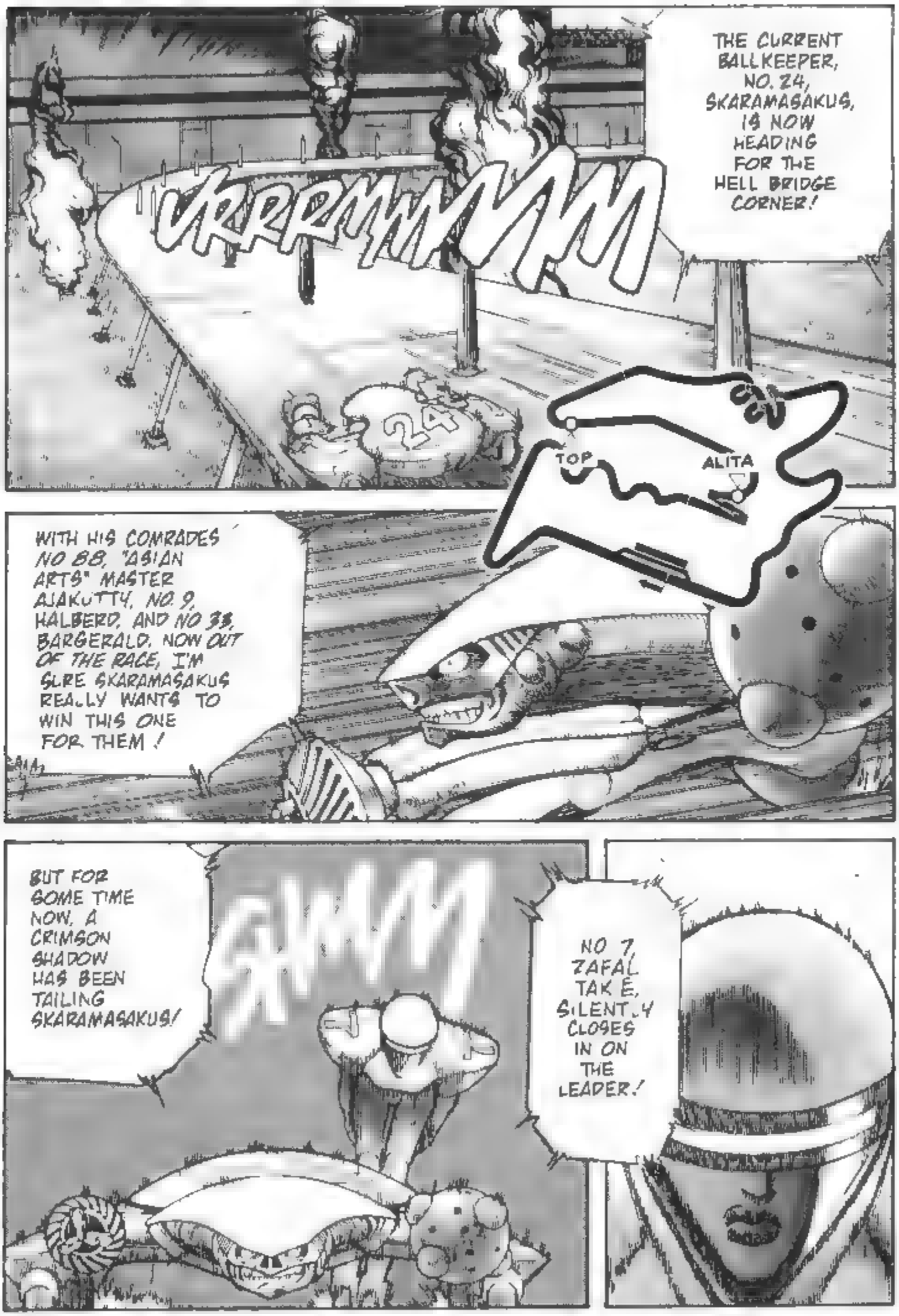
YOU RE WEAK! WEAK! WEAK!
SEEING
ARMBLESSED'S CHAIN BLADES ATTACK ALITA FROM ABOVE AND BELOW! SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY DODGE THEM!
ALITA PREPARES TO BLOCK WITH HER BLADES!

FOOLISH GIRL! MY CHAINS ARE EDGED WITH SUPER-HARD DIAMOND EDGES! YOU THINK YOUR CHEAP BLADES CAN STOP THEM!?
YOU'LL SEE THE DIFFERENCE THE PRICE MAKES!
TANG
ANG
ANG
HE CAN'T STOP MY DAMASCUS BLADES! HE CAN'T!
JANG
ZANG
YAAAAH! TAKE THIS! CORONAL SUTURE SLICE--!
KACHANG!!

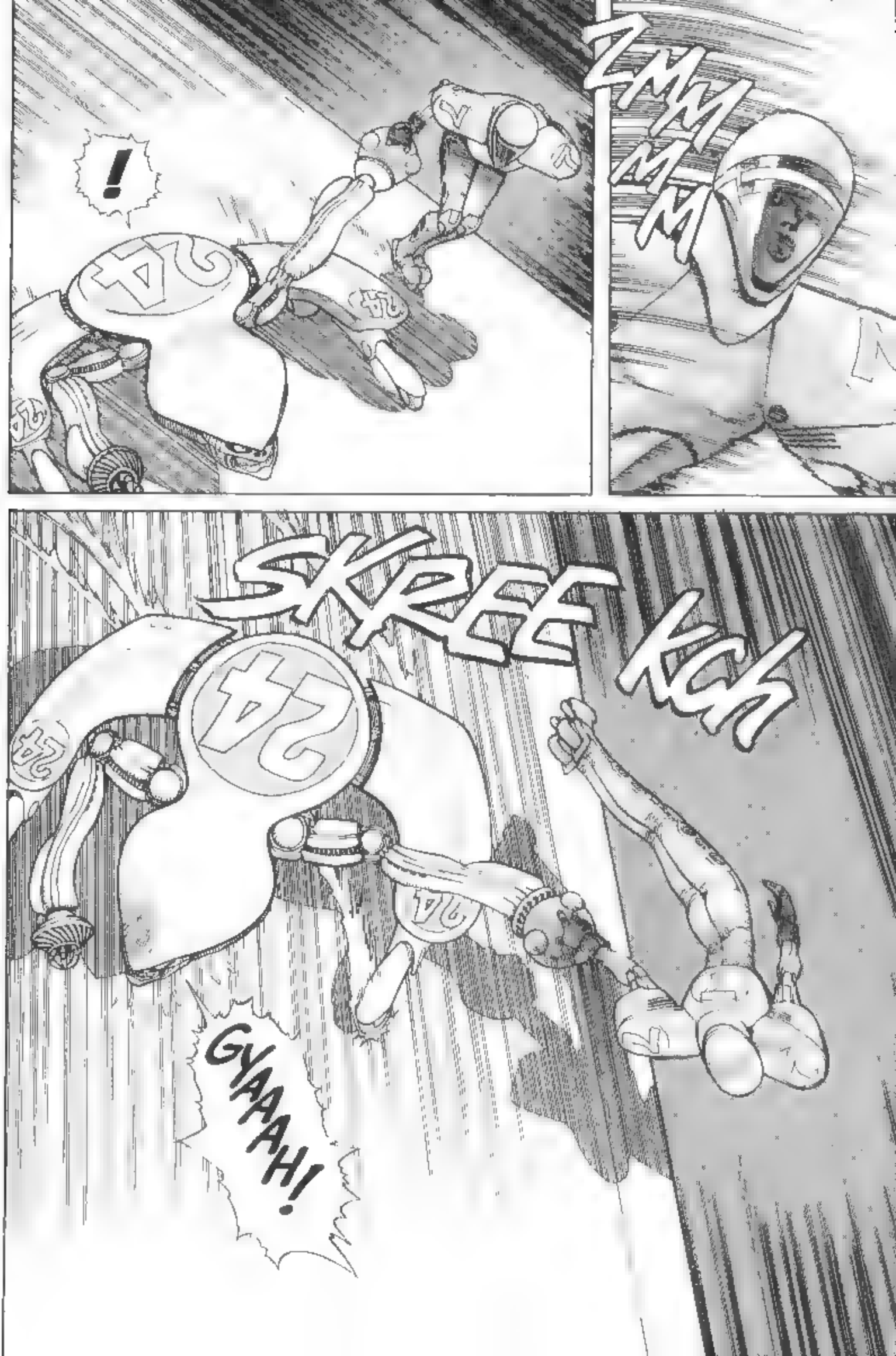
WAIT! THE CHAINS HAVE STOPPED SPINNING!
W-WHY--!?
ENOUGH!
CHUK
YOU'RE MINE!
KRASH

FWAM
AGH!
FROM THE RECOIL OF THE KICK, ALITA LANDS SAFELY BACK ON THE TRACK--BUT ARMBLESSED...
POMP
SKREEKK
NOOOOO!
SHUNK

"CALIGULA" LEAPS THE COURSE INTO THE HELL AREA--!
!AAAAAY!
IS THE CHAMP DEAD OR ALIVE!?
HA! YOU'RE LUCKY I'M OUT OF THE RACE, ALITA!
IF I WAS STILL UP THERE, YOU'D BE MINCEMEAT! YA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
LAUGH ALL YOU WANT, ARMBLESSED-- DOWN THERE IN HELL!
ALITA


THE CURRENT BALLKEEPER, NO. 24, SKARAMASAKUS, IS NOW HEADING FOR THE HELL BRIDGE CORNER!
TOP
ALITA
WITH HIS COMRADES NO 88, "ASIAN ARTS" MASTER AJAKUTTY, NO. 9, HALBERD, AND NO 33, BARGERALD. NOW OUT OF THE RACE, I'M SURE SKARAMASAKUS REALLY WANTS TO WIN THIS ONE FOR THEM!
BUT FOR SOME TIME NOW, A CRIMSON SHADOW HAS BEEN TAILING SKARAMASAKUS!
SHWM
NO 7, ZAFAL TAKE, SILENTLY CLOSES IN ON THE LEADER!

THAT SPEEDY NUISANCE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER!
SKLEENG
HE-YAAH!
SLASH
FOOSH
SSHH
GLOM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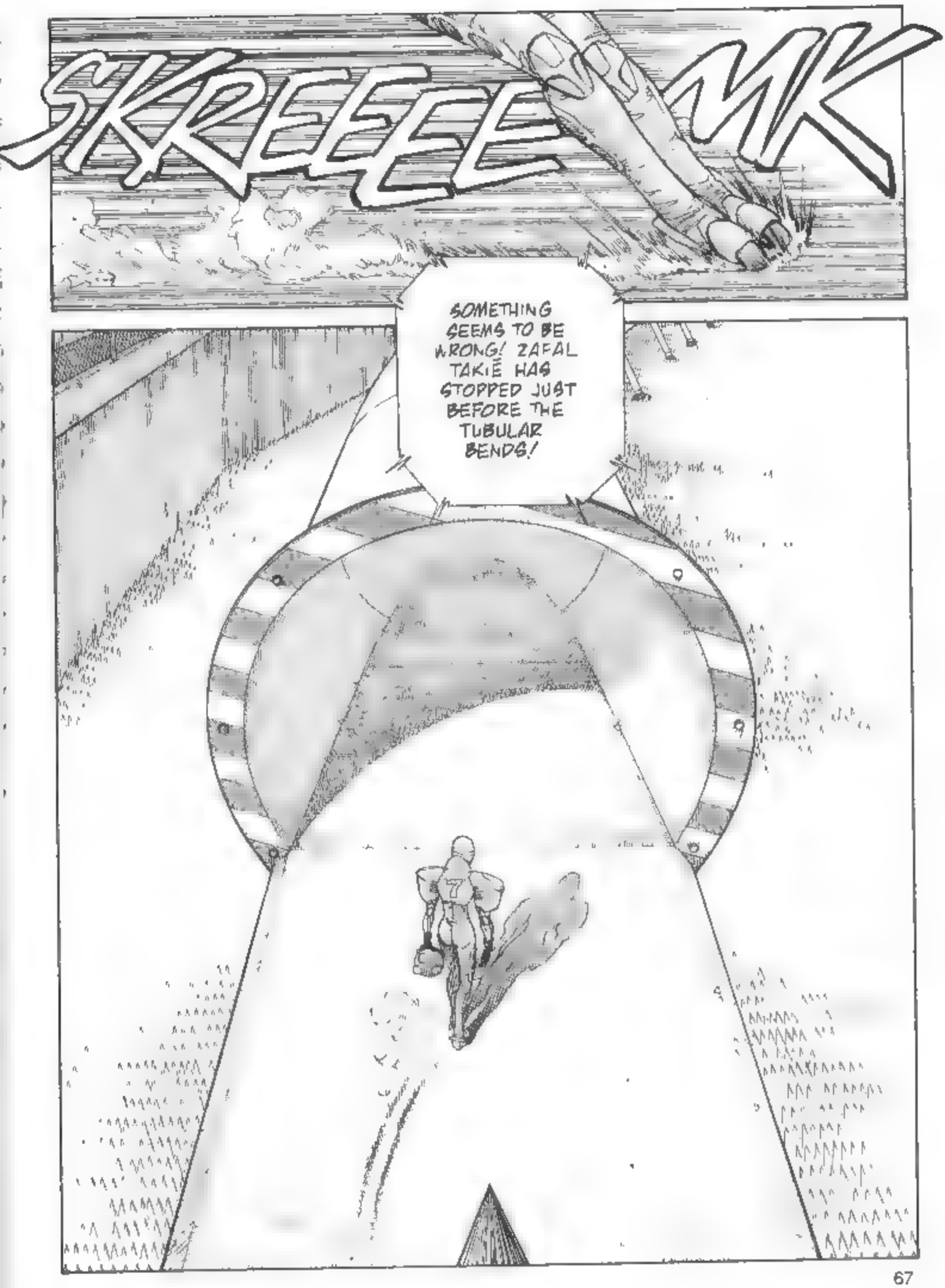
MMMM
SKREE KICK
GYAAAH!

ARE YOU CRAZY, WOMAN--!? YOU'RE TOO FAR OUT-- YOU'LL JUMP OFF THE COURSE--!
VWOON
SKARAMAGAKUS BRAKES TO SAVE HIMSELF--!
SKREEEE
THEIR TIRES HAVE LOST GRIP! THE BATTLING OPPONENTS BEGIN TO SPIN, PUTTING TAKE ON THE INSIDE!
SKASH
VOON VOON

KAKRAWG
SPLANG
AARGH!
VLIP
AND THAT CRASH THROWS SKARAMASAKUS OUT OF THE RACE! ZAFAL TAKIE IS THE NEW BALLKEEPER!
BUT IS IT POSSIBLE THAT TAKE HAD PLANNED THAT WHOLE VIOLENT EPISODE!?
BLAM
SKEEE

BEFORE THEY HAVE GONE HALFWAY 'ROUND THE TRACK, FOURTEEN OUT OF EIGHTEEN IN TH S RACE HAVE CRASHED!
WITH THE USUAL HOPEFULS SUCH AS ARMBLESSED AND A.AKUTTY OUT OF THE RACE, THIS HAS BECOME A MAJOR UPSET!
NOW ONLY FOUR PLAYERS REMAIN IN THE GAME!
THE BALLKEEPER, NO. 7, "CRIMSON WIND" ZAFAL TAKIE...
VM MMM
. WITH NO 99, "KILLING ANGEL" ALITA, CLOSE ON HER HEELS!
ALSO, NO 50, "SHAME OF THE SECOND" TIEGEL...
ALIIITAAAA! WAAAA!!!TT FOR MEEEE!
AND LASTLY, NO 72, "AMAZING" MADOSEN


SKREEEE
SOMETHING SEEMS TO BE WRONG! ZAFAL TAKIÉ HAS STOPPED JUST BEFORE THE TUBULAR BENDS!

THIS COULD BE A COMPLEX STRATEGY IN THE WORKS-- THE CRIMSON WIND AND THE KILLING ANGEL HAVE NEVER MET FACE TO FACE!
KAREEEN
ALITA
SKEEE

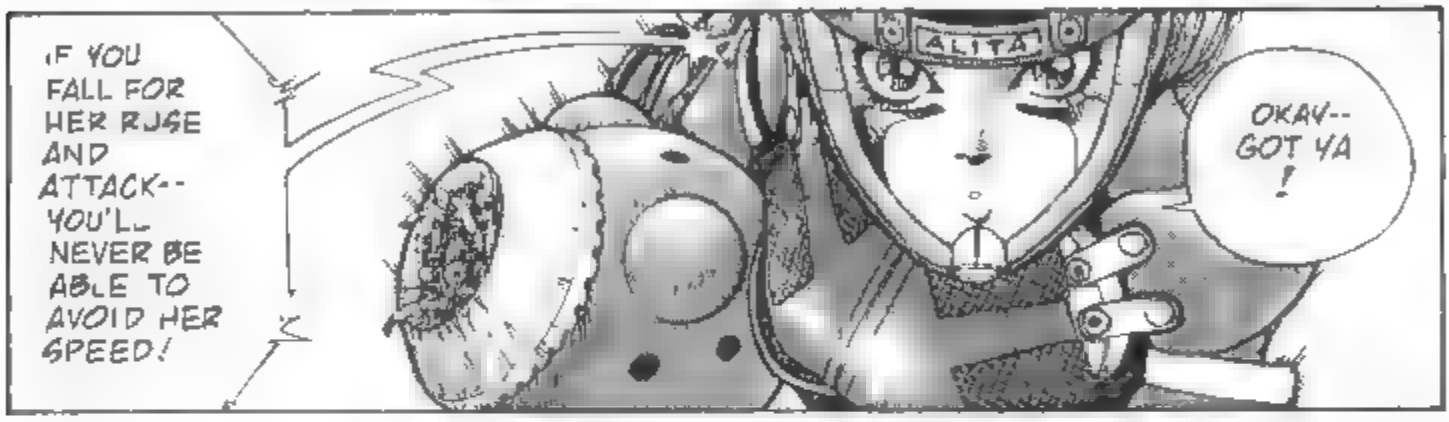
WOOSH
SHEEE
SWANG

WHAT CAN ZAFAL TAKIË BE THINKING!? SHE JUST THREW THE MOTORBALL TO ALITA!
SKEECH
TISH
.....
ALITA
YUEH

UNHEARD OF! ZAFAL TAKE HAS THROWN DOWN THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE AGAINST ALITA!
SHE PLANS TO HAVE COMPLETE VICTORY OVER ALITA--BY RECOVERING THE MOTORBALL FROM HER!
ALITA
GO FOR IT!

THE TWO PLAYERS ENTER THE TUBULAR BENDS TOGETHER!
WHOOOW
VMMM
VMMM
VMMM
ALITA, DO YOU COPY? IT'S ME!
ED!

LISTEN UP! DON'T LET ZAFAL TAKIE RILE YOU!
HER FIGHTING STYLE IS CLEAN AND SIMPLE! SHE'LL MAKE YOU ATTACK SO THAT SHE CAN DODGE-- THEN HIT YOU WHILE YOU'RE VULNERABLE! HER TECHNIQUES ARE ALL DEFENSIVE!


IF YOU FALL FOR HER RUSE AND ATTACK-- YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO AVOID HER SPEED!
ALITA
OKAY-- GOT YA!

BUT THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT MY STYLE TO BACK OFF FROM AN OPPONENT-- TO RUN FOR IT!
BUT I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT OF MY FIGHTING SKILLS AND SPEED! I'LL JUST LEAVE HER BREATHING MY DUST!
VOOMM

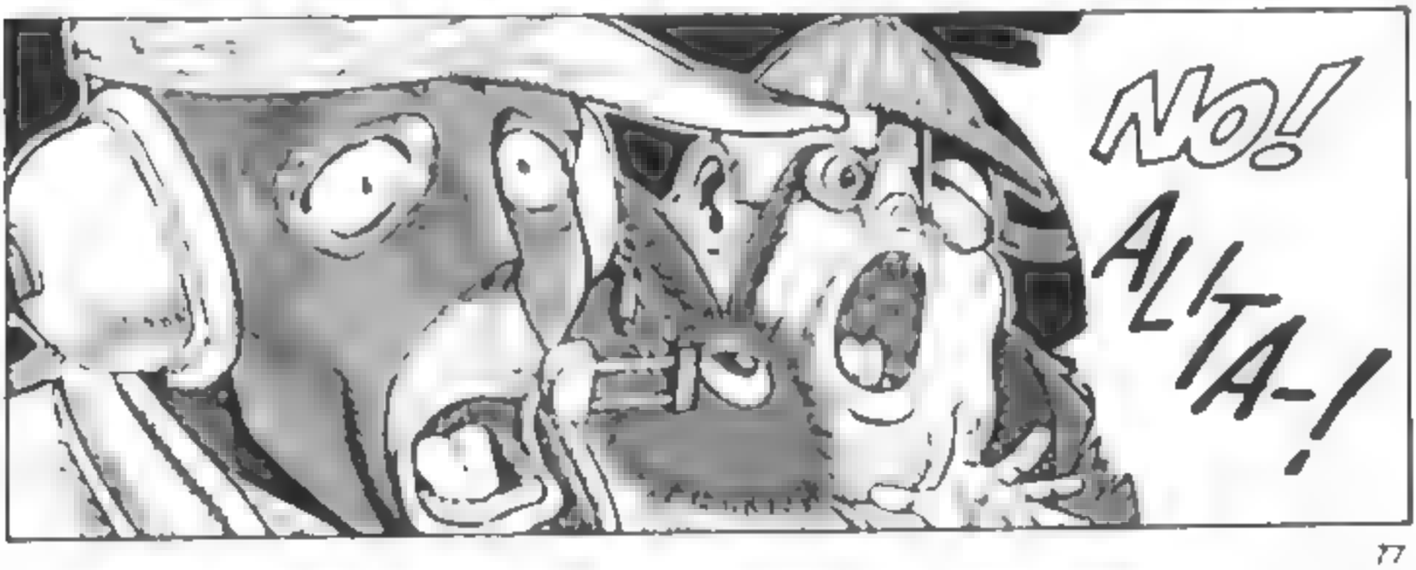
KG OF
SHE'S STILL RIGHT ON ME!
BOTH PLAYERS ARE ALREADY ENTERING THE TUBULAR COIL HILLS! HERE YOU MUST CAREFULLY READ THE TRACK-- CONTROLLING SPEED TO SAFELY PASS THIS TRULY THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBSTACLE!
VROOM
WHOA! ALITA HAS PICKED UP SPEED AS SHE HEADS INTO THE COILS!

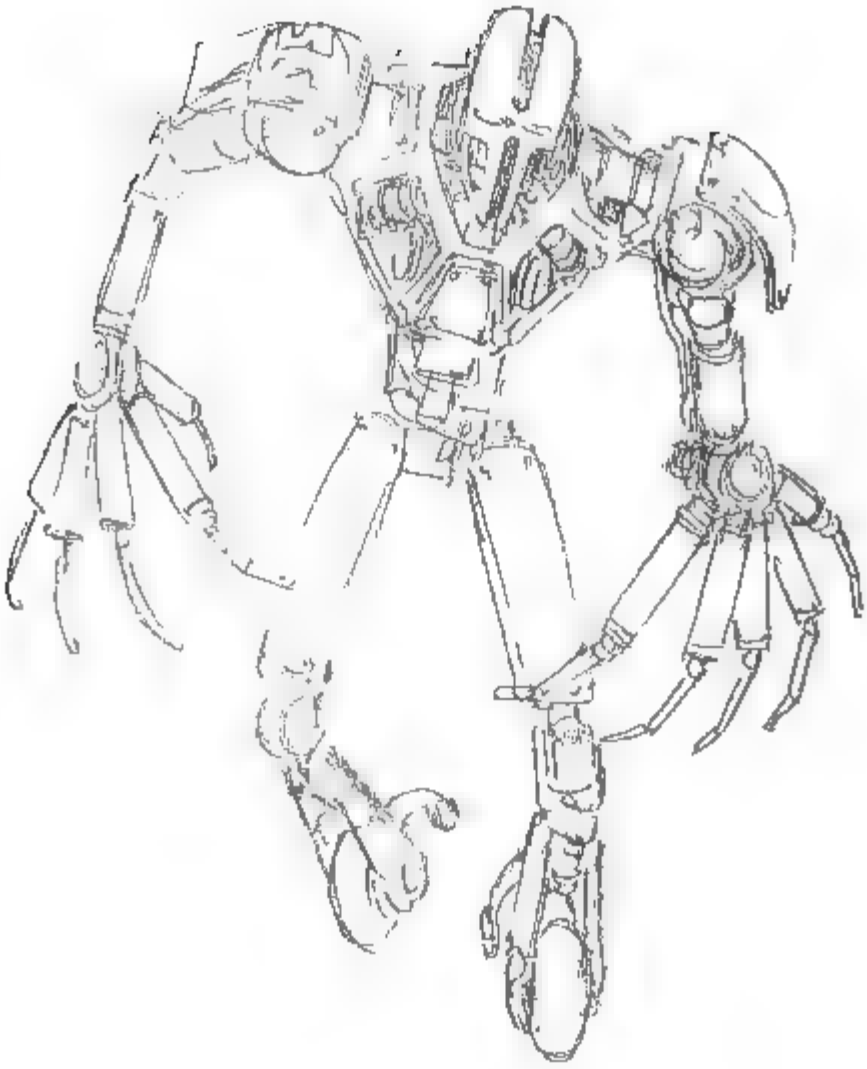
VOOM
GOOM
GRRRGH!
SHMMM

ALITA HAS CLEARED THE TUBULAR COIL HILLS AT AN INCREDIBLE PACE!
HOW'S THAT ?!
ALITA
TOOM
TA

TOOM
TOOM
HUH?
POW
WAAH
!
ZAMM
POW

KA-BLAM!
IT'S AN UPSET! ALITA HAS FALLEN!


NO! ALITA-!



RED ZONE
Race 2: Fight Like the Wind

SPUTT
U!
SPUTT
OH! THIS IS SO HIGH!
Sputspur
URK..! I-I CAN'T CLIMB THIS .IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
GLEE SLEE SLEE
SKLOOCH
DUH?
OOH!

IT'S AN UPSET! ALITA HAS FALLEN!
YAAAAAAY!!
WOOSH
KRANG KRANG
EVEN NO. 99 "KILLING ANGEL" ALITA, PROVES TO BE NO MATCH AGAINST NO 7, "CRIMSON WIND" ZAFAL TAKIE'S UNCANNY RACING SKILLS!

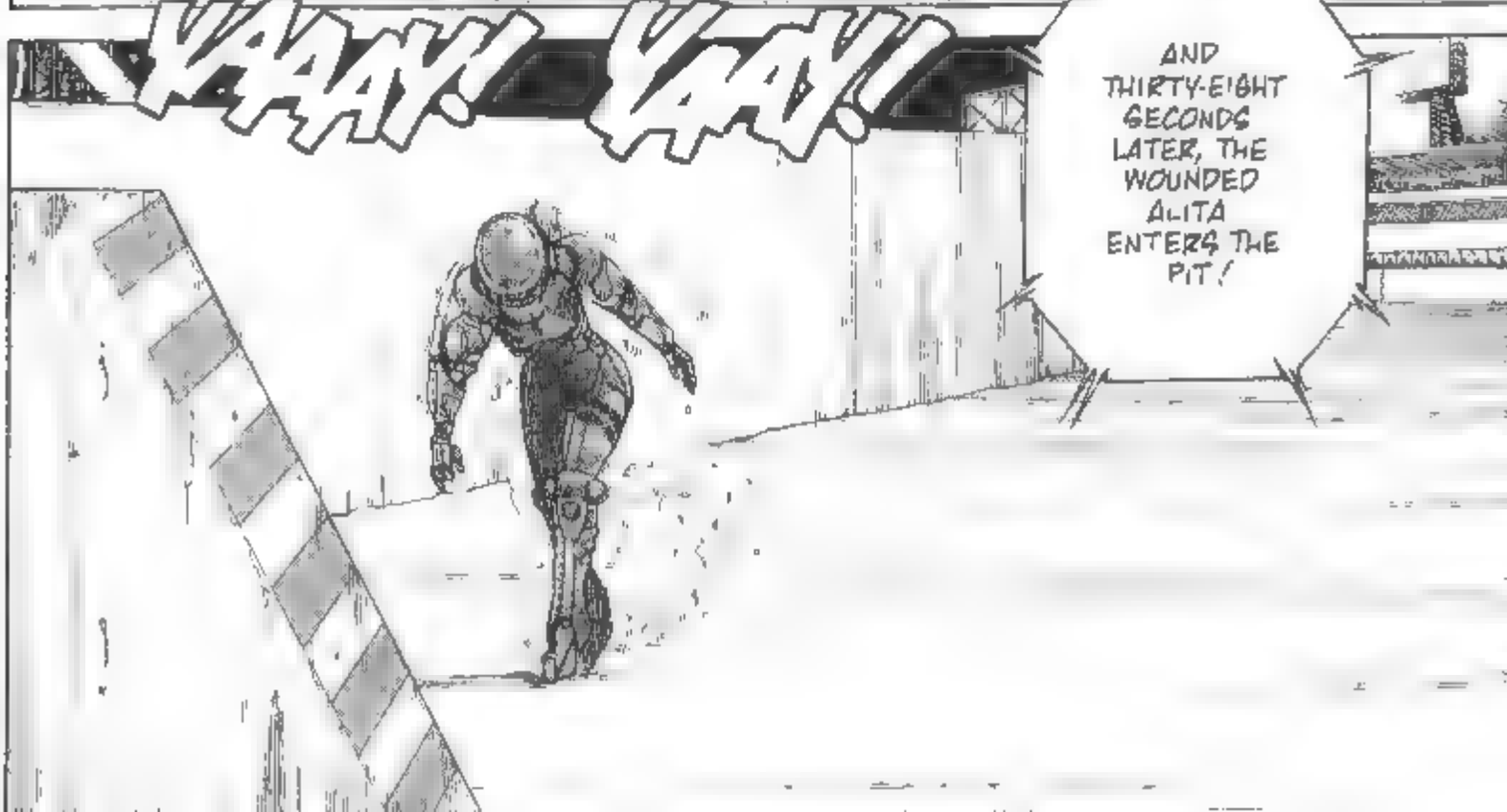
ALITA IS IN TROUBLE!
I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE..!
TOOSH TOOSH
TABASCO CHARGER!
Tabasco
GLUB GLUB GLUB
BLAHK!
SSSSSS

VRRRRRR
GAAAAAAH!
ALII, TAAAH! I'M COMING--!
SOMEHOW NO. 50, TIEGEL, HAS FINALLY MANAGED TO CLEAR SOMERSAULT HILL!
KAVOOOOOOM
BLOOP BLOOP
YIPE-!
BLOP

YAAAAY
ALITA RISES TO HER FEET-- BUT THE DAMAGE SEEMS SEVERE !
KRK KRK
YAAAY
DAMAGED PARTS
BEEP
BEEP
HOW IS SHE, UMBA !?
THE DATASCAN SAYS THE DAMAGE IS ONLY IN THE JOINTS I'D SAY FIVE MINUTES TO REPLACE ALL FOUR LIMBS AND ANOTHER THREE MINUTES TO ALIGN THEM !
HEY, APPRENTICE! WHAT'S THE COURSE RECORD FOR ONE LAP OF THIS TRACK!?
TWO MINUTES, 16.392 SECONDS !
THEN YOU'VE GOT LESS THAN SIX MINUTES TO FINISH-- OR THERES NO CHANCE OF BEATING TAKIE!
I'LL DO IT!

WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS ALITA'S MINDSET...!
SHE WENT UP AGAINST TAKIË IN A RACE AND WAS UTTERLY DEFEATED! IF THIS CAUSES HER TO LOSE CONFIDENCE, SHE'LL LOSE NOT ONLY THIS RACE, BUT THE CHALLENGE AGAINST JASHUGAN AS WELL!

VRREEEEEN!
BALLKEEPER ZAFAL TAKIË RACES THROUGH THE DESERTED STRAIGHTAWAY WITH FOUR LAPS TO GO!


VAAAN! VAAN!
AND THIRTY-EIGHT SECONDS LATER, THE WOUNDED ALITA ENTERS THE PIT!

KANG FU
ALITA !
THE BRAIN WAVES ARE NORMAL, AND SHE'S CONSCIOUS!
CAN YOU REPLACE BOTH ARMS AND LEGS IN SIX MINUTES? UNASSISTED !?
HEH!
THIS TIME, WE GOT THAT "OCTOPUS" EXOSKELETON FROM OUT OF THE PAWN SHOP! WITH THAT AND A SYNCHRONIZER, I THINK I CAN DO IT!
CHAK

BING
CHING
RHYTHM IS EVERYTHING IN MECHANICS!
TANG WHANG
FAST RHYTHM! FAST WORK!
WOW!
KA CHANG
UMBA IS A GENIUS! WHO ELSE COULD PROCESS INFORMATION FROM FIFTEEN SENSORS TO CONTROL TWENTY ARMS-- SIMULTANEOUSLY DOING THE WORK OF TEN ENGINEERS!
ALITA CAN YOU CONTINUE THE RACE?
BANG KANG

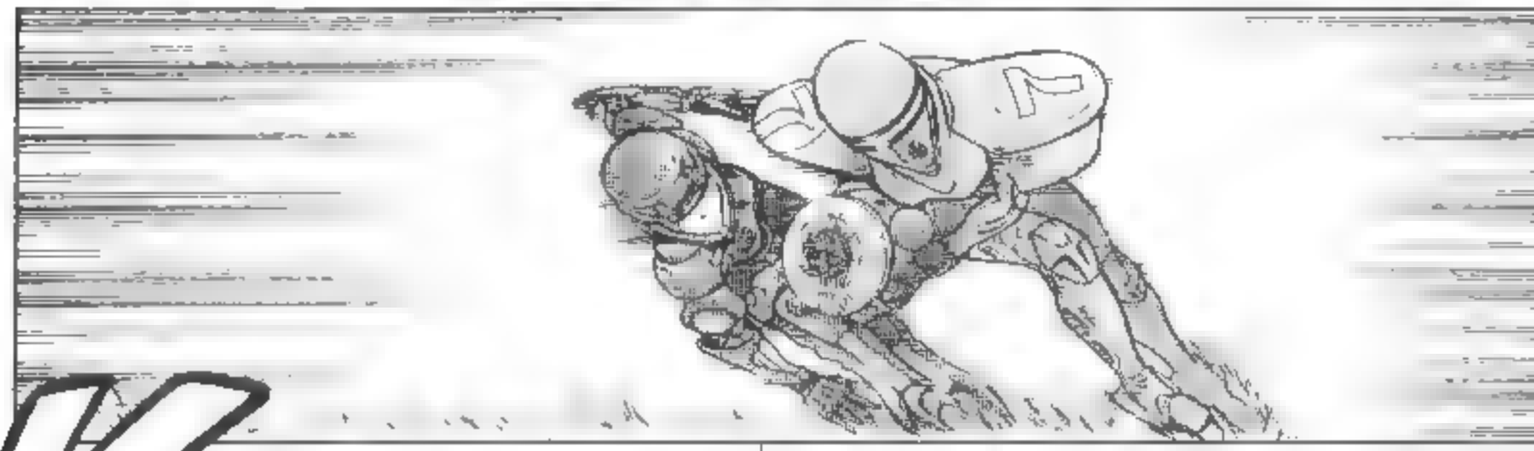
A RED MOUNTAIN
HUH? 4NAP OUT OF IT! ARE 4OU DREAMING?
SNAP
!?
CAN IT BE..? HAS 4OUR MEMORY RETURNED !?
A HORRIFYINGLY HUGE RED MOUNTAIN...
THERE, IN IT$ WARMTH, I LEARNED TO FIGHT

TAKIÉ TAUGHT ME WHAT IT MEANS TO FEAR! WHEN I FELT THE BITTER TASTE OF DEFEAT AS I FELL, AN IMAGE OF A MONSTROUS RED MOUNTAIN BECAME CLEAR IN MY HEAD...
THAT'S ALL I CAN REMEMBER-- FOR NOW...

.. AND THAT PLACE... IS PROBABLY
MY HOME..

VOOM!
WHOOSH!
SHEEOM
THE MOTORBALL GOES INTO ITS F.NAL LAP! W.LL ZAFAL TAK E BE THE VICTOR--!?

N-NO! ALITA RETURNS TO THE BATTLE FROM THE PIT ROAD LIKE A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES!



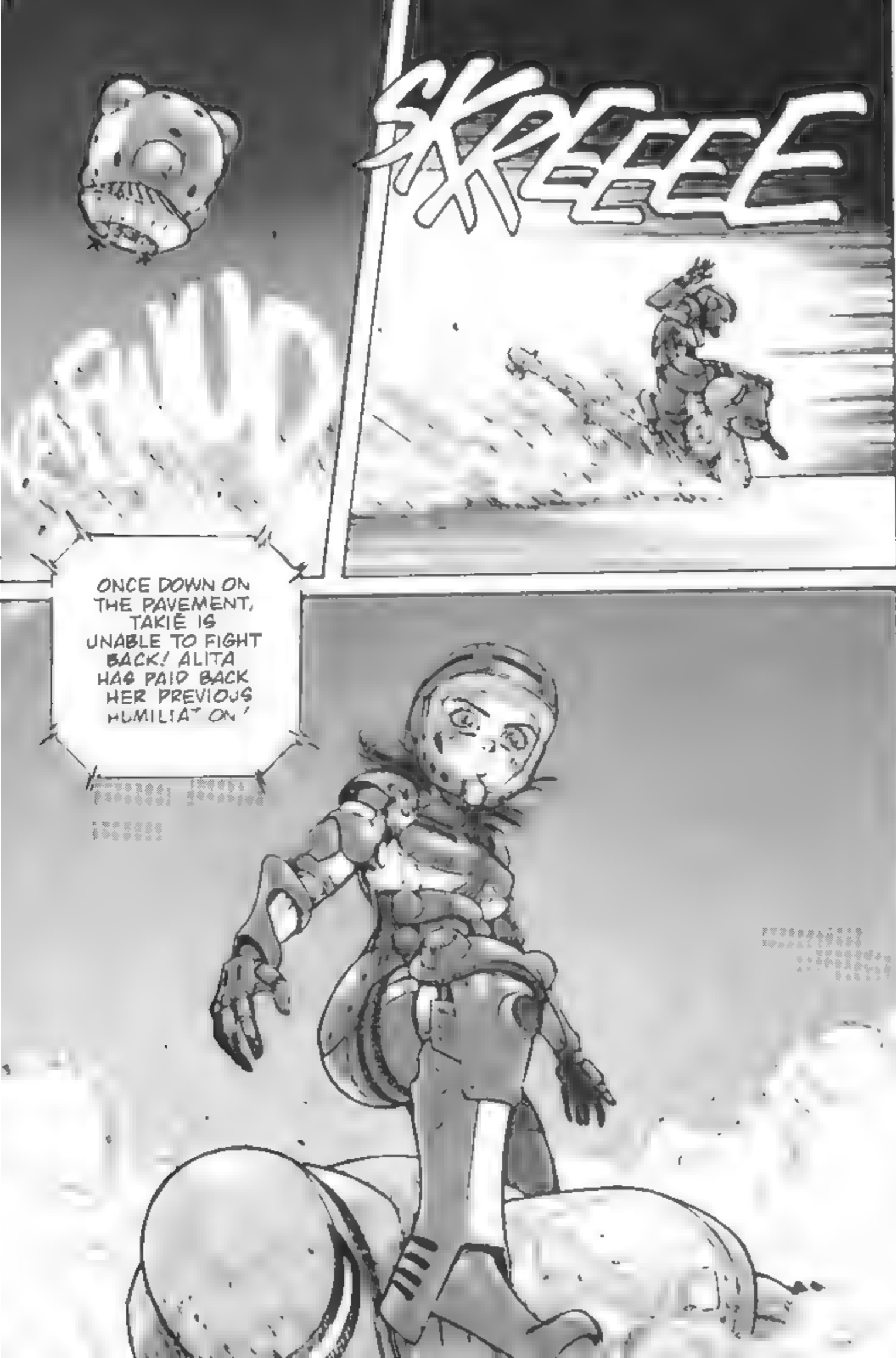
IT SEEMS THAT THE FORTY KILOGRAM WEIGHT OF THE MOTORBALL IS ENOUGH TO SLOW ZAFAL TAKIÉ'S INCREDIBLE SPEED!
WILL ALITA BE ABLE TO DEFEAT TAKÉ IN THE REMAINING LAP!?

THE TWO APPROACH SOMERSAULT HILL! COULD ALTA, WHO FAVORS THE AERIAL ATTACK, TRY TO TAKE OUT TAKE HERE!?
AAAA
VMMSHOOM!

HA, HA!
ALITA
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M GETTING OFF ON THE FUN OF BATTLE ON THE MOTORBALL CIRCUIT!
KA-PASH
I CAN REALLY TEST THE LIMITS OF MY STRENGTH HERE!
WHUD
FSSSSH

ALITA POSITIONS HERSELF FOR A BACK KICK! FROM THIS POSITION, TAKIÉ WON'T BE ABLE TO STEER AROUND AND AVOID IT!
IF YOU'RE ON THE DEFENSIVE, MY OFFENSE JUST HAS TO RIP!
TAKIÉ JUMPS!
FWM
SHAAAK
SHAA

THWOK!
!
GOTCHA, GIRL-!
ALITA
THE BACK KICK WAS JUST A FEINT TO MAKE TAKIE JUMP! TAKIE HAS FALLEN FOR ALITA'S TRAP!


SKREEE
ONCE DOWN ON THE PAVEMENT, TAKIE IS UNABLE TO FIGHT BACK! ALITA HAS PAID BACK HER PREVIOUS HUMILIAT ON!

KANG
TANG
AND THE MOTORBALL--
--AAAAH!
THE MOTORBALL DROPS NTO THE HELL AREA!
FOLLOWING THE REGULATIONS, A NEW BALL IS READIED A MERE THIRTY METERS FROM THE FIN--
YAAY! GO!
AH
HUH? WHAT'S THE MOTOR-BALL DOING HERE?
ALLLLTARAN!
RMMMMMM
LUCK FOR ME!
RMM
CAN IT BE-!?

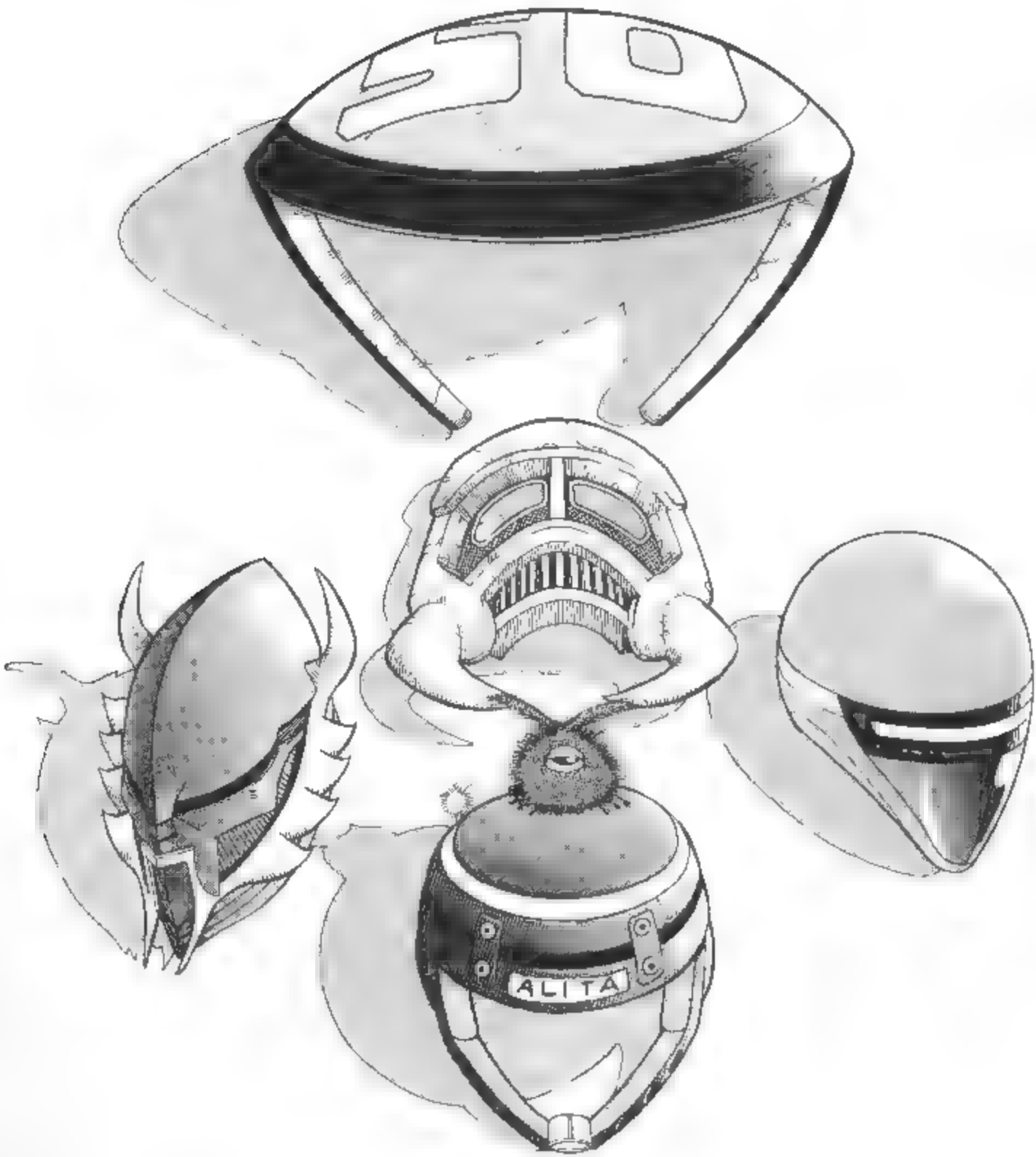
OH MY GOD--!
WHAT AN UPSET-!
NO. 50, TIEGEL, WINS THE RACE-!
GAAARGH
50
DUH ?
?
?

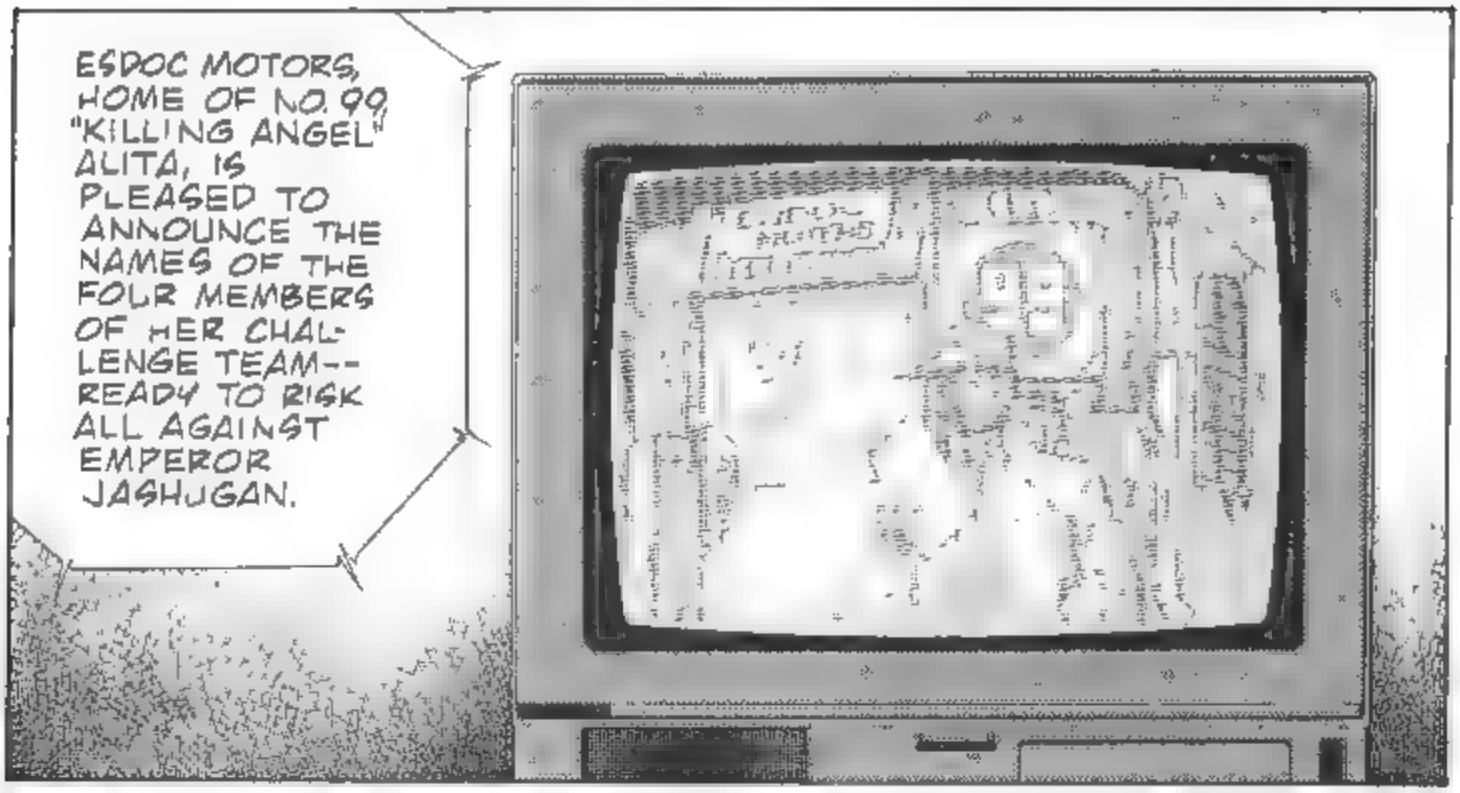
I DID IT-!
TALK ABOUT AN INCREDIBLE LONG SHOT! IS THERE A SINGLE PERSON HERE WHO ACTUALLY BET ON TIEGEL!? BITTEREST IRONY, THIS TWISTED HAND OF FATE!
WAAAARGH!
AAAAGH! GIMME A BREAK!
I WANT MY MONEY BACK!
I'LL KILL YOU-!
NO! THE CIRCUIT IS FILLED WITH ANGRY SPECTATORS- AND THEY'RE BEGINNING TO RIOT!
MORDRED
GRRRR
BLAM
KABLAM

A RED MOUNTAIN..
SKEESH BLAM
I WAS ALWAYS VISITING A RED MOUNTAIN..
...TO SEE HOW MUCH STRONGER I COULD BECOME...

CARRY ON THE DREAM

Race 3: Tradition

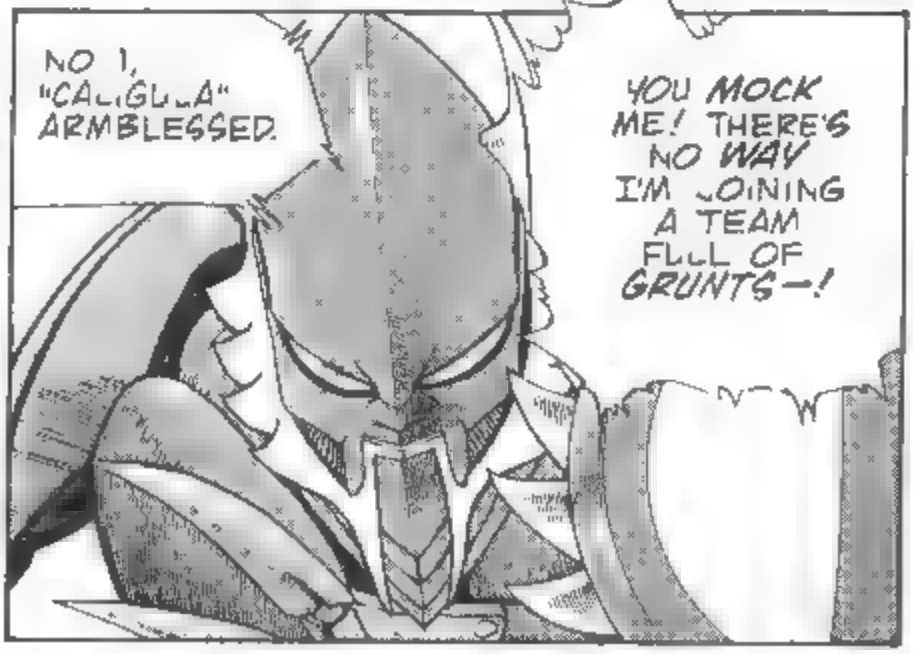



ESDOC MOTORS, HOME OF NO. 99, "KILLING ANGEL" ALITA, IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF THE FOUR MEMBERS OF HER CHALLENGE TEAM--READY TO RISK ALL AGAINST EMPEROR JASHUGAN.

NO 88, "CRUSHER" AJAKUTTY.

NO. 7, "CRIMSON WIND" ZAFAL TAK E.

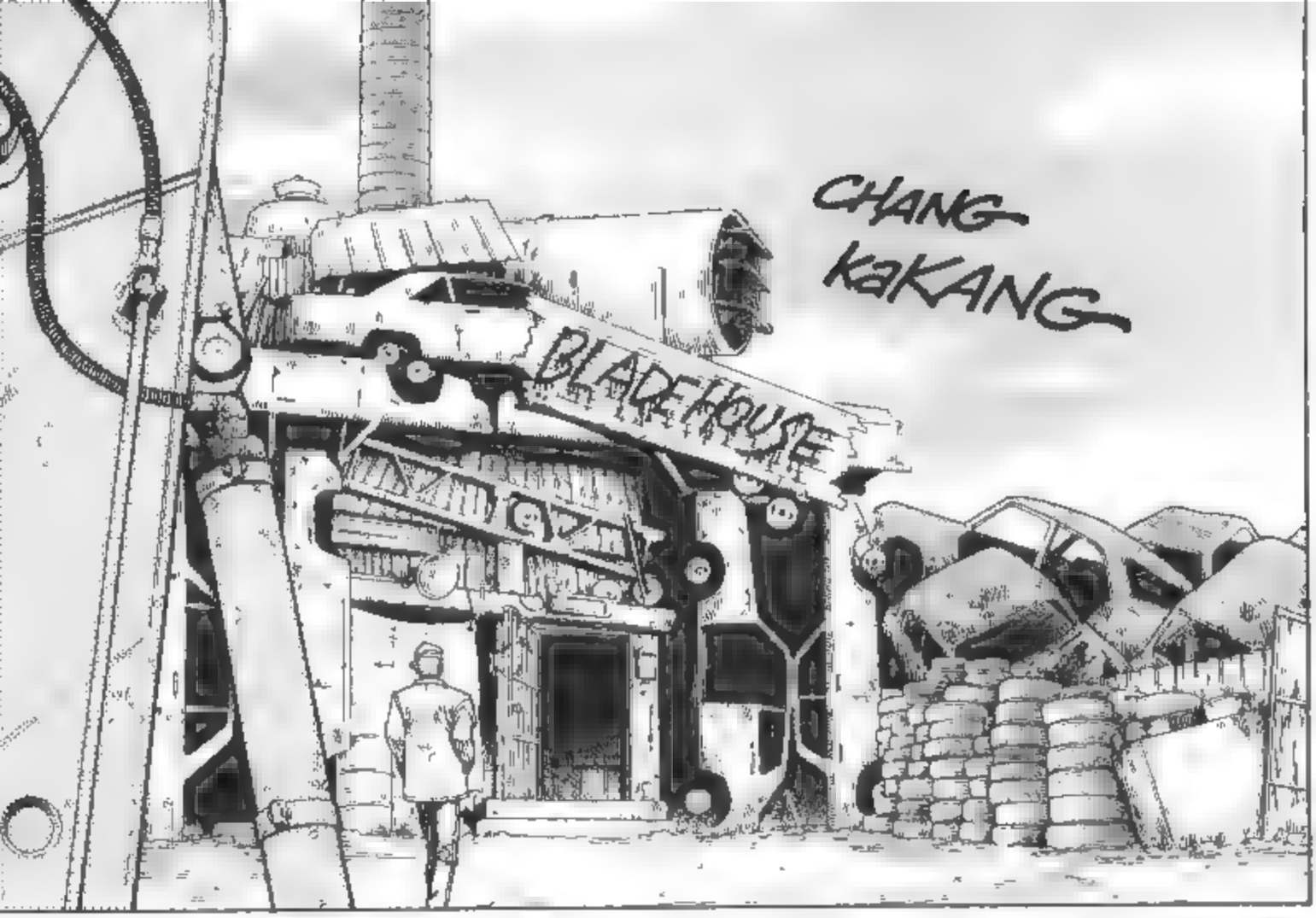
THIS IS A SURPRISE--NO. 50, TIEGEL.
MY HARD WORK HAS PAID OFF-!


NO 1, "CALIGULA" ARMBLESSED.
YOU MOCK ME! THERE'S NO WAY I'M JOINING A TEAM FULL OF GRUNTS-!

AT THE END OF HER CHOICES, ALITA ADDS, "P.S ANYONE WITH COMPLAINTS IS A COWARD...' ANY COMMENT?
...AAAARGH!
BIG BROTHER FIGHT THEM NEXT?
YES.

OKAY
TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT FLATLINE ATTACK, I'VE CREATED A DIRECT INTERFACE! NOW I CAN SEND SHUMIRA'S BRAIN-WAVE PATTERN VIA RADIO TO THE HEART OF JASH-UGAN'S BRAIN...
IT'S NO SOLUTION, BUT IT'S THE BEST I CAN DO...
JASHUGAN, I'VE BEEN WONDERING FOR SOME TIME NOW, BUT...
WHAT IS IT ?
THE RECONSTRUC-TIVE BRAIN SURGERY WHICH IS CAUSING YOUR FLATLINE ATTACKS--
--WHO PERFORMED THE OPERATION ?
.....
NOT A STORY I LIKE TO REMEMBER... BACK WHEN I WAS JUST A ROOKIE IN THE TOP LEAGUE, I GOT INTO A DEADLY ACCIDENT...

I SUFFERED MASSIVE BRAIN DAMAGE. IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE I DIED..
THEN...A CYBERPHYSICIAN NAMED DESTY NOVA SHOWED UP AND, OVER A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS...
..HE PERFORMED A MIRACULOUS OPERATION ON MY BRAIN--THEN LEFT WITHOUT ACCEPTING ANY PAYMENT.
I WAS UNCONSCIOUS DURING THAT TIME, AND I NEVER SAW HIM... BUT HE SUPPOSEDLY HAD THE SAME MARKING ON HIS FOREHEAD AS YOU, DOCTOR IDO
THE DOCTOR MARK!
I KNEW IT. A CITIZEN OF TIPHARES!
IF HE HADN'T PERFORMED THAT BRAIN RECONSTRUCTION, I WOULD NOT BE HERE--OR HAVE THE TITLE OF GRAND CHAMPION..
..IF ANYTHING, I'M GRATEFUL FOR WHAT HE DID.


CHANG
kaKANG
BLADE HOUSE

HEH, IS MY ORDER DONE ?

OH, ESDOC.. YEAH

HERE IT IS

I USED SOME RARE EARTH*-- FORGED THE TWO BLADES YOU GAVE ME INTO THAT SINGLE NUMBER ..
IT'S ALMOST DIAMOND-HARD... YOU'LL HAVE TO USE EITHER AN ULTRA HIGH-PRESSURE WATER STREAM OR SUPERSONIC WAVES TO TOUCH UP THE BLADE

*RARE MATERIALS SUCH AS SCANDIUM, YTTRIUM, LUTETIUM AND OTHER BASE ELEMENTS.

HEH... MAKES ME REMEMBER THE GOOD OL' DAYS...
BACK THEN... JASHUGAN AND I WERE RIVALS. MY BLADES TECHNIQUES WERE JUST AS GOOD AS HIS "MASCHINE KLATSCH"!
BUT IN THAT BIG ACCIDENT, WE WERE SEVERELY INJURED..
...OUR LIVES CHANGED FOREVER!
WHEN I RETURNED TO THE CIRCUIT, EVEN THE MOST EXPENSIVE DRUG INJECTIONS COULDN'T INCREASE MY NERVOUS SYSTEM'S REACTION SPEED TO THE LEVEL OF JASHUGAN'S!
THE NEXT THING I KNEW, JASHUGAN WAS THE UNDEFEATED GRAND CHAMP..
THE TOP
THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE!
CHAMPION JASHUGAN
MOTORBALL
AND I WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO RACE, DUE TO THE TERMINAL FROST CAUSED BY MY ABUSE OF THE ACCELERATION DRUG.

TEKKA
TAKKA
CHEKKA
WHY SHOULD HE GET ALL THE GLORY!?
IT'S NOT FAIR, DAMMIT. IT'S JUST NOT FAIR!
SKUNCH
HEH, HEH... BUT WHEN ALITA DEFEATS JASHUGAN WITH THIS BLADE, THEN I WILL KNOW VICTORY!
IN MY PLACE, ALITA... MY KILLING ANGEL. WILL RULE THE MOTORBALL CIRCUIT!
ANYWAY, HOW MUCH FOR THE BLADE, LAM DAO?
AWW WE'RE FRIENDS. I CAN'T TAKE ANY CHIPS FROM YOU.
BUT, IF YOUR PLAYER SHOULD DIE, LET ME HAVE HER BODY..
GAHAHA
. IM SURE SHE'D MAKE A FINE BLADE!

UHHH
HUMM
OHHH MY LORDS! KEEPERS IN HEAVEN! HEAR US, GODS OF TIPHARES!
HEAR THE PRAYERS OF YOUR HUMBLE BELIEVERS-!

SHOOM
HMMM
MMM
ALITA

YOU CALLED ME OUT TO THE CENTER OF THE SCRAP
WHAT DO YOU WANT ?

SUCH A VIEW OF TIPHARES.. YES?

I I D O SOME RESEARCH
..IT SEEMS THAT THE MOTORBALL CIRCUIT FACILITIES ARE MOSTLY FUNDED BY THE FACTORY

.....
SO BASICALLY, THE EVENT KNOWN AS MOTORBALL..
..IS NOTHING BUT A TOOL SET UP BY TIPHARES. IT RELIEVES THE FRUSTRATION THAT BUILDS AMONG THE SCRAP-YARD DWELLERS, AS THE POPULATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE..

THE PEOPLE HERE ARE CRAVING AN IDOL TO WORSHIP
DID YOU JOIN THE MOTORBALL LEAGUE TO BECOME SOME KIND OF SAVIOR?
NO-!
WHEN I LOST HUGO, I .
..I FELT AS IF I WANTED TO DIE FROM ALL THE SADNESS.

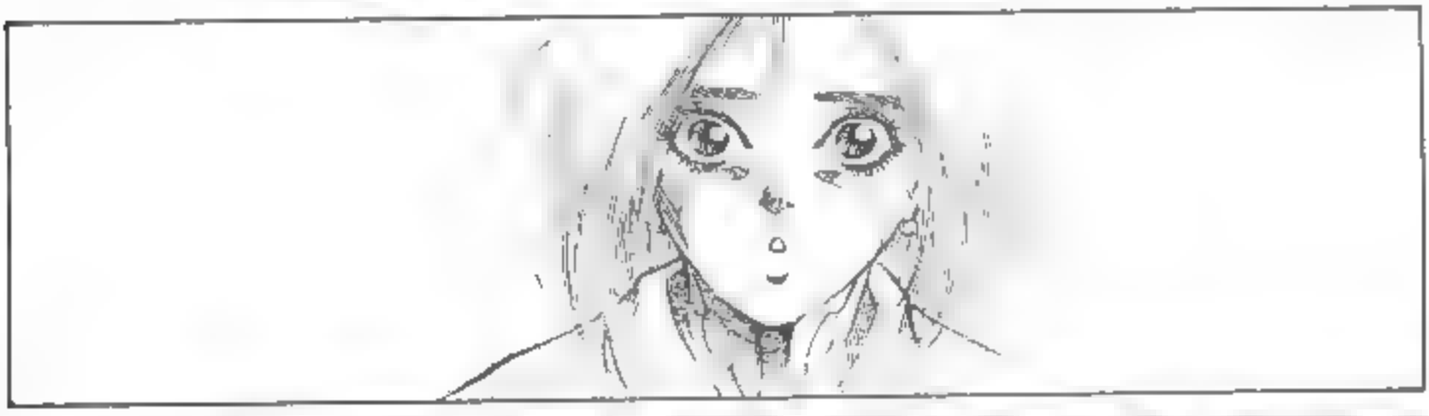
I HAD TO KNOW WHO I AM. WHY I AM. I FELT THAT TIPHARES HAD TAKEN EVERYTHING AWAY FROM ME--
BUT SOMETHING-- DEEP INSIDE-- WOULDN'T LET ME JUST END IT ALL

--AND ANY PITY OR SYMPATHY WOULD HAVE FELT WORSE THAN DEATH! MOTOR-BALL WAS MY SALVATION, THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP GOING...

...

I DON'T REGRET JOINING THE ARENA
I'VE MET MANY D FFERENT PEOPLE.. AND I THINK I'VE GROWN A LITTLE, TOO.
THAT ANSWER-- SO LIKE YOU. .
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID TO ME ONCE?
"NO MATTER HOW I MAY SEEM TO CHANGE FROM TH S POINT ON, I'LL STILL BE THE ALITA YOU KNOW."
I BELIEVE THAT--THEN AND NOW.
NO MATTER HOW YOU MIGHT CHANGE OR WHERE YOU M GHT GO

...BECAUSE, ALITA-- YOU'RE THE ONLY FAMILY I'VE GOT...



IF YOU EVER GET TIRED OF MOTORBALL, COME HOME
AND BE CAREFUL IN YOUR CHALLENGE MATCH AGAINST JASHUGAN..

IDO...

SKRNCH
AH! IT IS YOU, JASHUGAN

I KNEW YOUR TIME WAS APPROACHING
MASTER
COME
ZAA
ALL R GHT

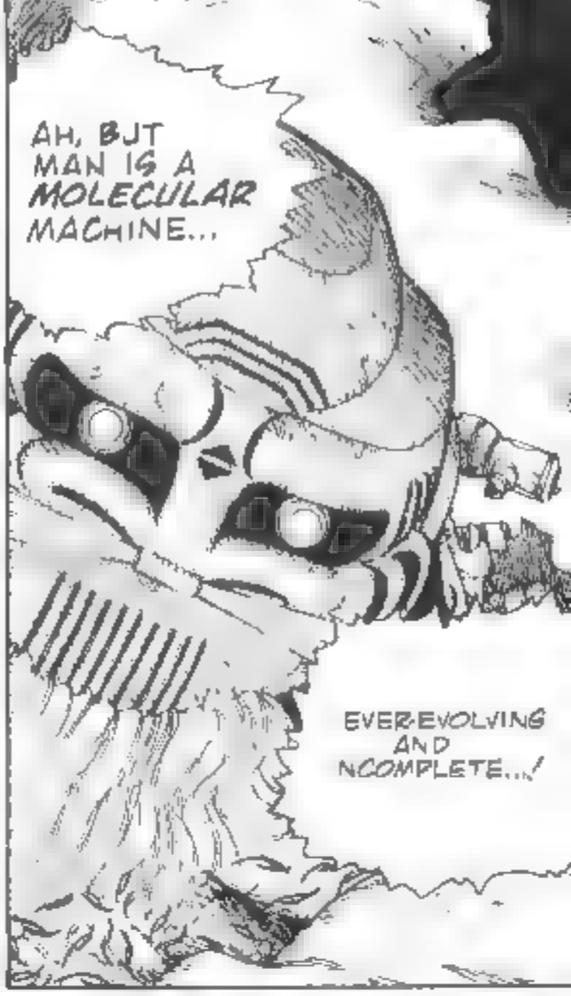
SLASH
SLASH
SHAAA
SLASH
SLASH
SHREEEEEM

ZZOT
KRE-OW!
UGH..
KABLAM
FUMP
WHUMP

M-MAGNIFICENT! YOU'VE MASTERED THE CHI TECHNIQUE OF REFLECTIVE RESONANCE*.
TEK
KACHEK
BUT I STILL SENSE SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU..
.....
I FEAR..
MY ABSOLUTE DEATH.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HEARING THIS FROM YOU..!
THE SECRET OF MASCHINE KLATSCH IS TO SYNCHRONIZE WITH THE ROTATING MACHINE--
--AND MACHINES DO NOT FEAR DEATH!

*BY MATCHING THE OPPONENT'S FLOW OF "CHI" THE VITAL LIFE FORCE IN THE BODY SAID TO BE REGULATED BY ACUPUNCTURE, AN INCREDIBLY DESTRUCTIVE VIBRATORY FEEDBACK IS CREATED

I. I DON'T WISH TO BECOME A MACHINE !
I WANT TO GO BEYOND THE MACHINE !


AH, BUT MAN IS A MOLECULAR MACHINE...
EVER-EVOLVING AND INCOMPLETE...!

YOU HAVE A SISTER, DO YOU NOT..? SHE IS THE CAUSE OF YOUR DOUBT...
KILL HER !
!?

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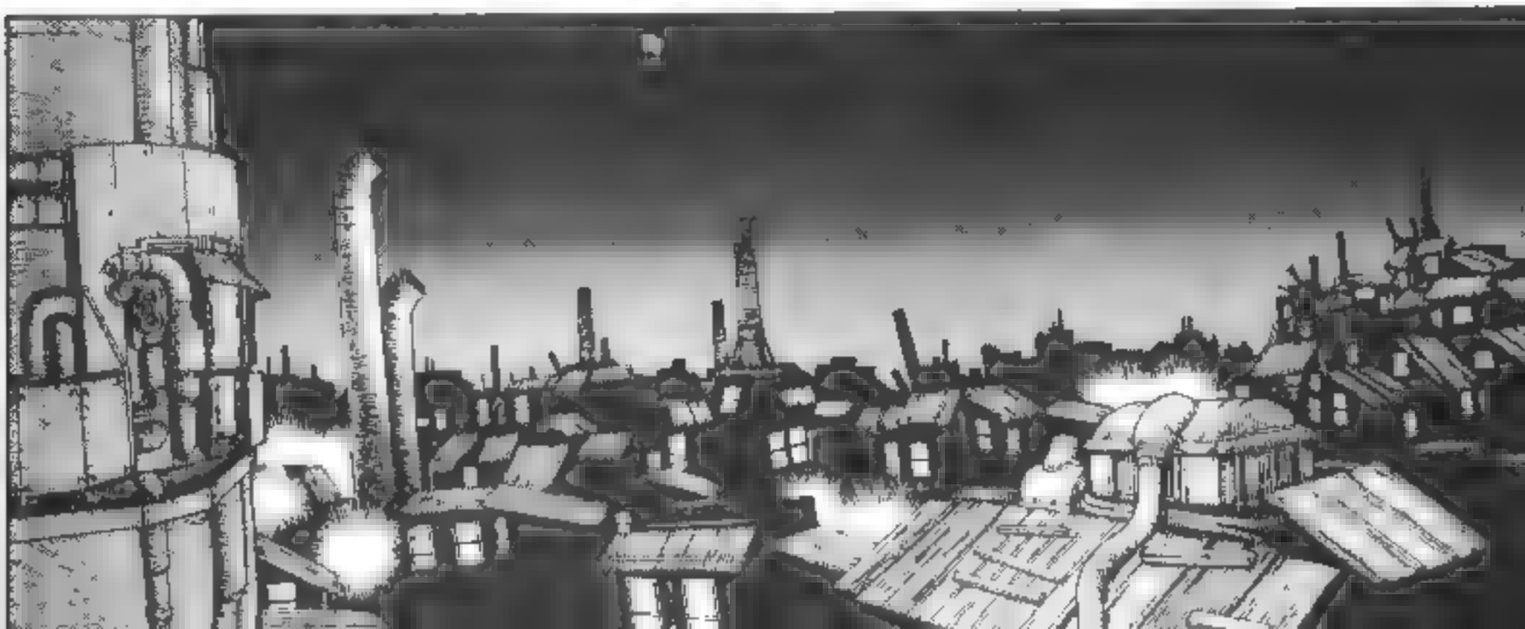
MACHINES... DO NOT NEED... LOVE...
KRESH



WHAT DD YOU SAY!?
KLOMP
YOU'RE GOING TO QUIT MOTORBALL AFTER YOUR GAME WITH JASHUGAN !?
IT'S NOTHING TO YELL ABOUT...!
AFTER THIS NEXT GAME, I'LL HAVE FULFILLED THE TWELVE RACES I CONTRACTED FOR.
I WON'T ALLOW IT!

LISTEN! THE TOP LEAGUE GAMES ARE BROADCAST EVEN IN TIPHARES! AFTER YOU DEFEAT JASHUGAN ON THE CIRCUIT, YOU'RE GOING TO RISE UP AS THE NEW SUPERSTAR OF THE MOTOR-BALL WORLD!
IT'S ALL YOURS FOR THE TAKING--THE HONOR, THE GLORY! YOU HAVE THE SKILL TO MAKE IT!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO ED!? IT'S LIKE HE'S A DIFFERENT PERSON THAN BEFORE!
OOMF
KEEP YOUR HONOR AND GLORY!
FWAP
!

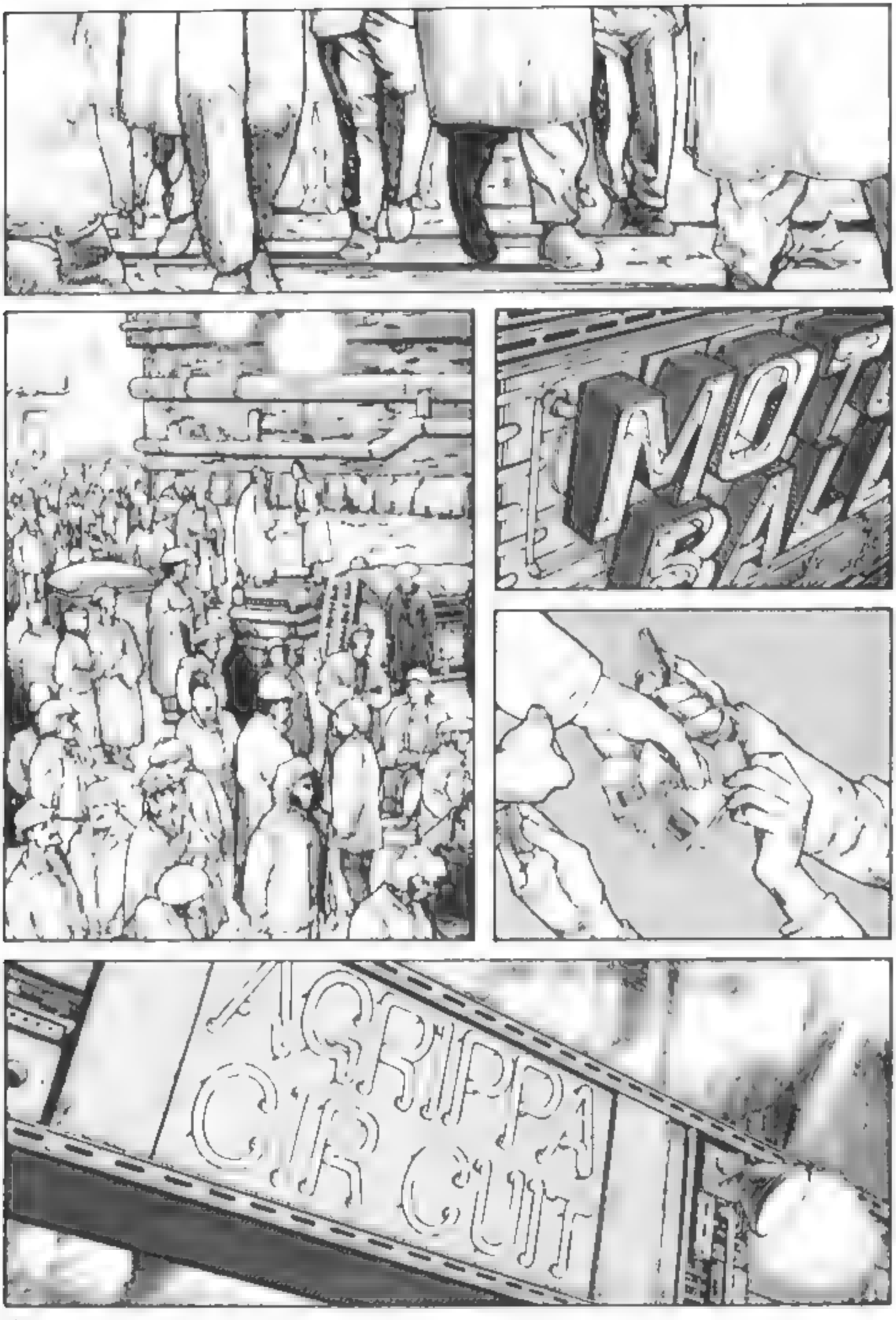
I'VE HAD IT WITH YOUR SELFISHNESS!
COME ON! I'M GOING TO CALL MR THOMPSON AND RENEW YOUR CONTRACT!
.....
OF ALL THE PEOPLE...I THOUGHT ED WOULD ALWAYS UNDERSTAND ME..
OUTTA THE WAY! GET HER AUTOGRAPH SOME OTHER TIME!
H-HEY! IT'S ALITA!
HELL! THIS GUY'S ON SOMETHING.
EH, HEH, HEH I HAVE PRESENT FOR ALITA...

!?
EH, HEH, HEH...
CHAK!
LOOK OUT, ALITA!
FOOP
KA
BLAM
E-ED-!?

BULL'S-EYE! HAPPY! TRIPPY! ENTROPY!
GYA HA HA
SKLRK
EEP!
DAMN, GUESS MY RUN OF BAD LUCK... NEVER ENDS...
.. A-ALITA THIS IS YOUR.. NEW BLADE...

. LISTEN... DON'T YOU DARE LOSE...
D-DAMN . MY ARM...
CHEKKA
CHEKKA
TEKKA
I NEED MY . MEDI..
TCH
TCH
TCH

OUTSIDER
Race 4: Mystery Dance


MOT
PAL
GRIPPA
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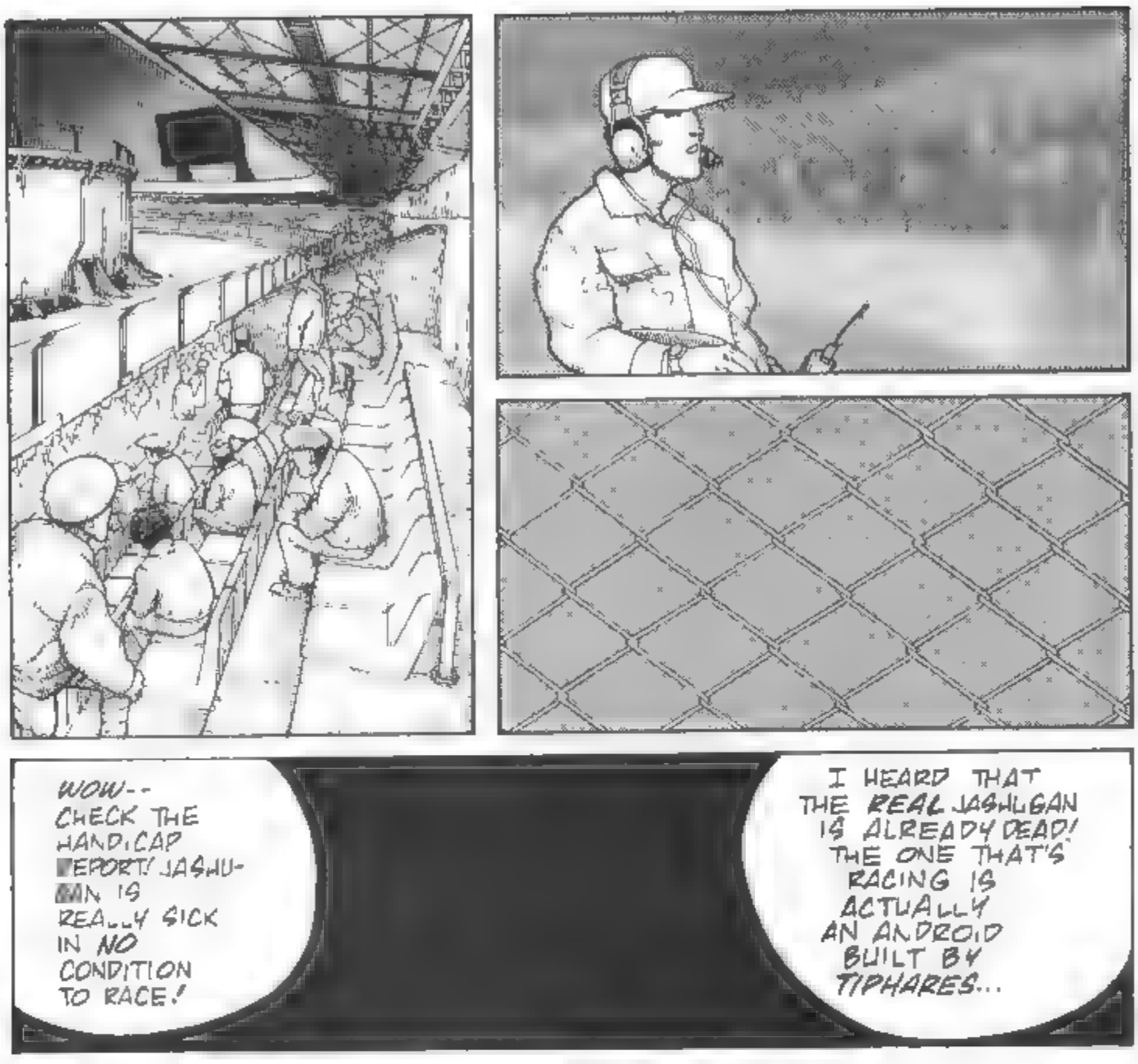
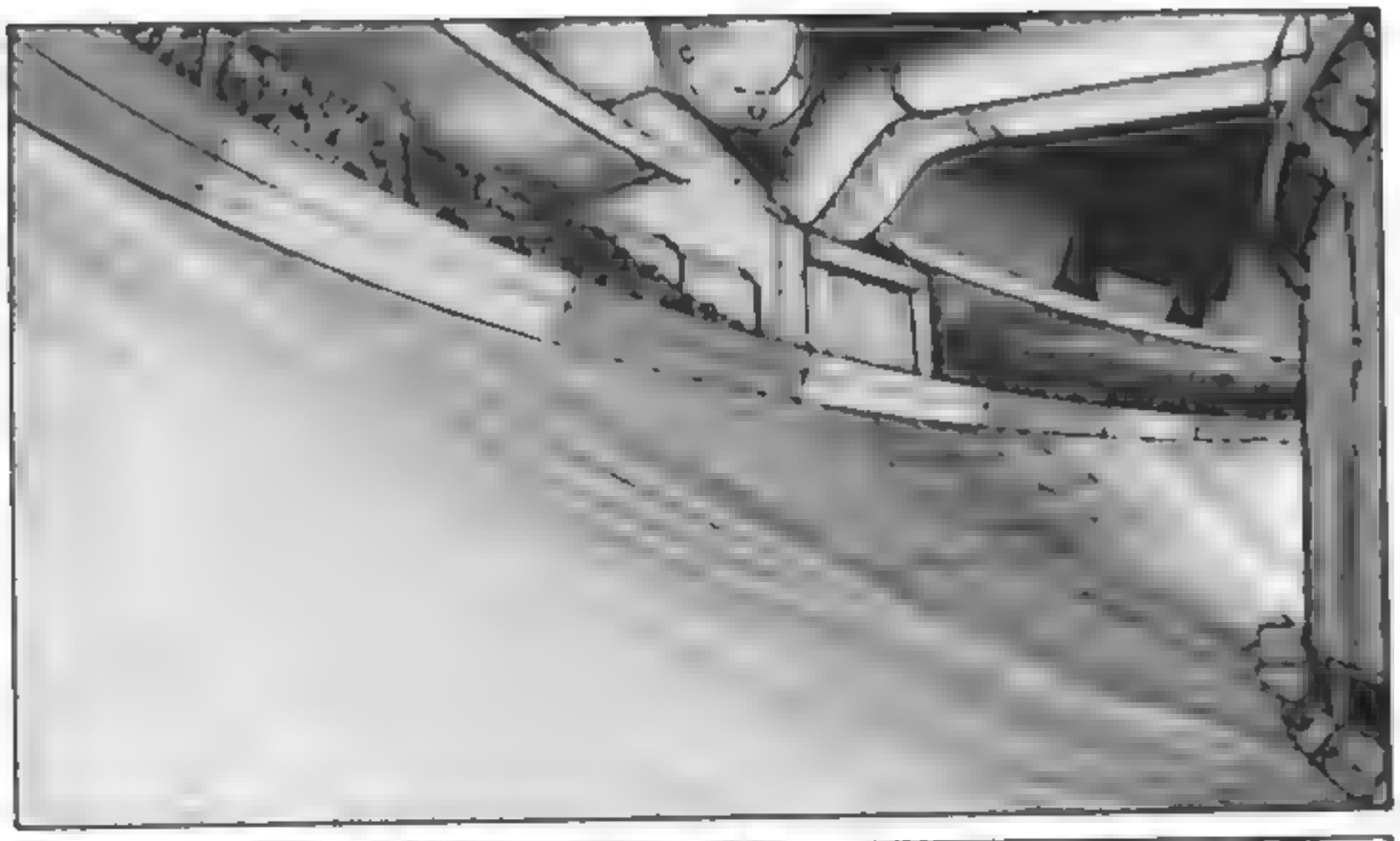
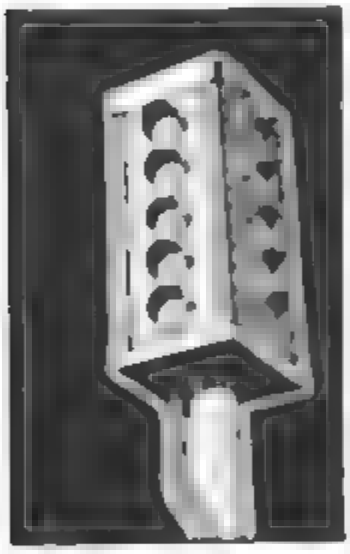
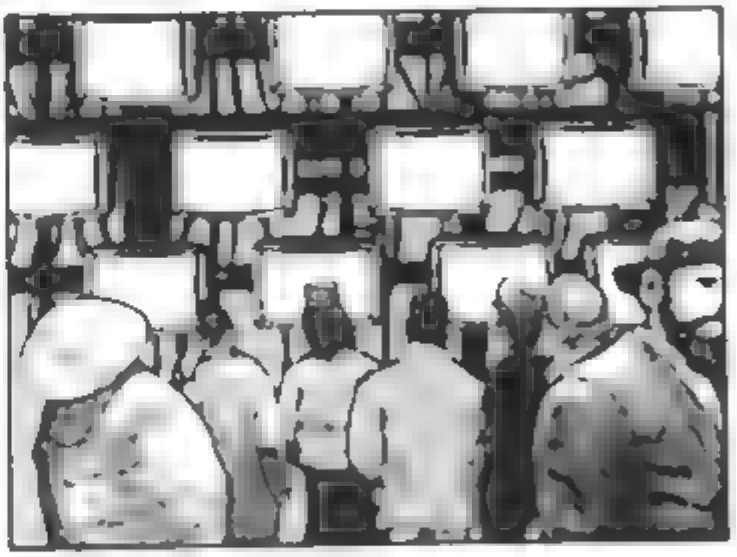
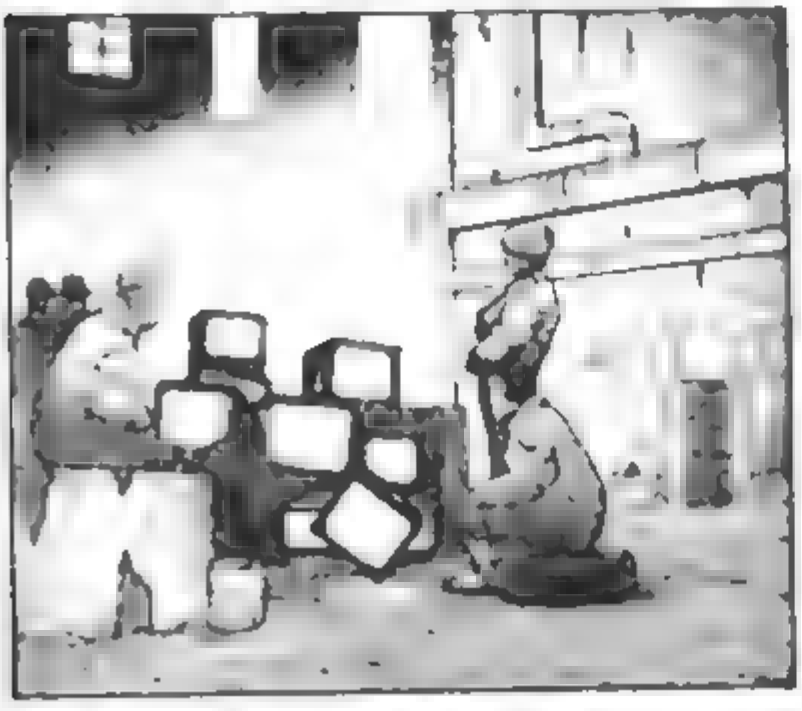
MOTORBALL
AL
EL
TOP OF MOTORBA
REAL
DUEL
V.S.
DID_A HEAR? THEY SAY ALITA'S TRAINER WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY SOME JUNKIE. !
YEAH.. WONDER IF THAT RUMOR ABOUT ALITA QUITTIN' MOTORBALL AFTER THIS MATCH IS TRUE.

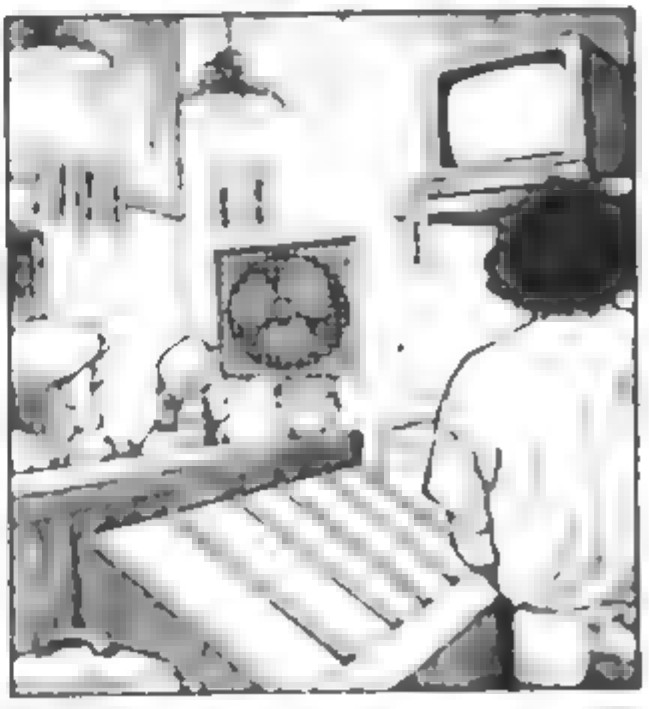

WOW-- CHECK THE HANDICAP REPORT! JASHU-GAN IS REALLY SICK IN NO CONDITION TO RACE!
I HEARD THAT THE REAL JASHUGAN IS ALREADY DEAD! THE ONE THAT'S RACING IS ACTUALLY AN ANDROID BUILT BY TIPHARES...
FIRE PROHIBITED

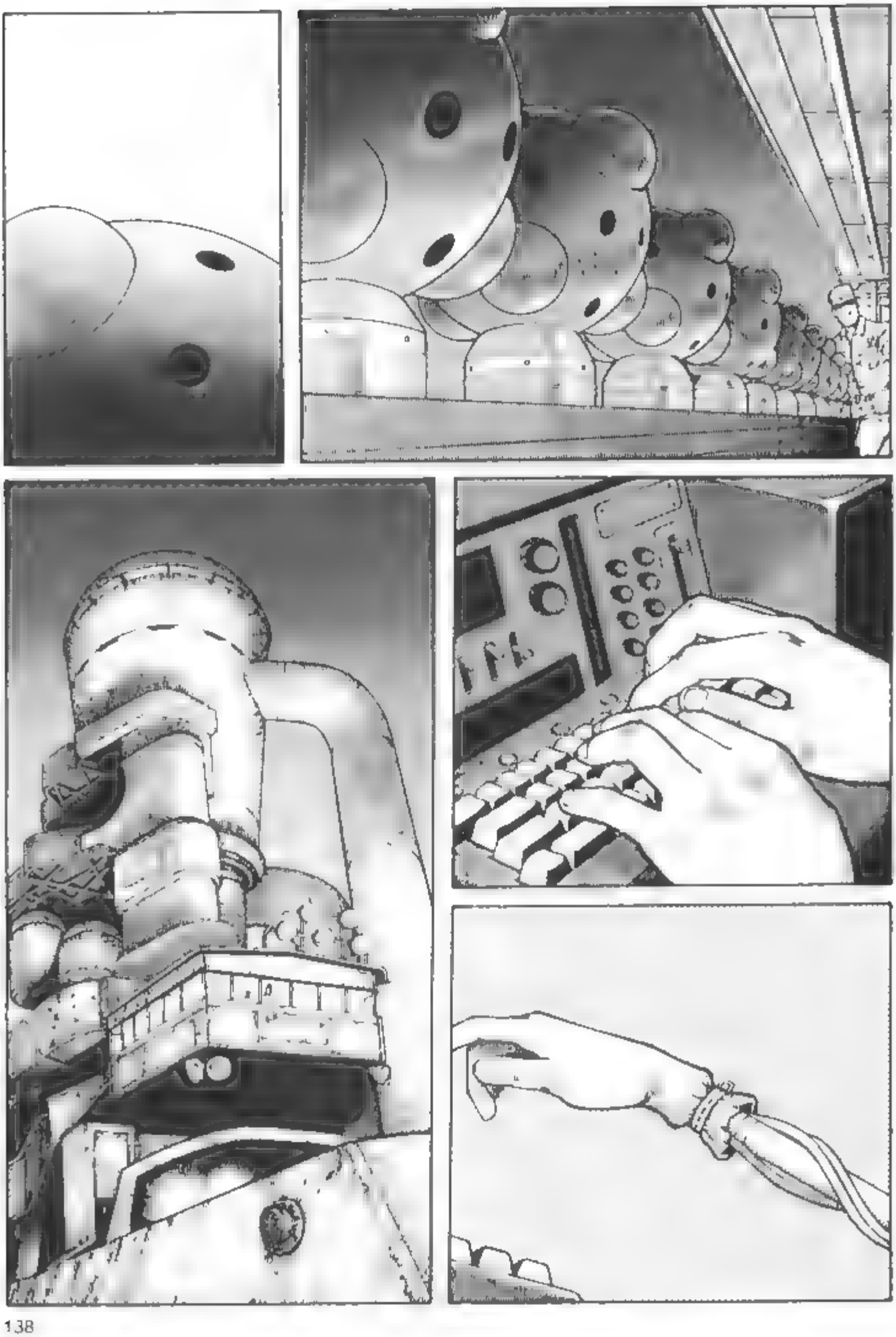


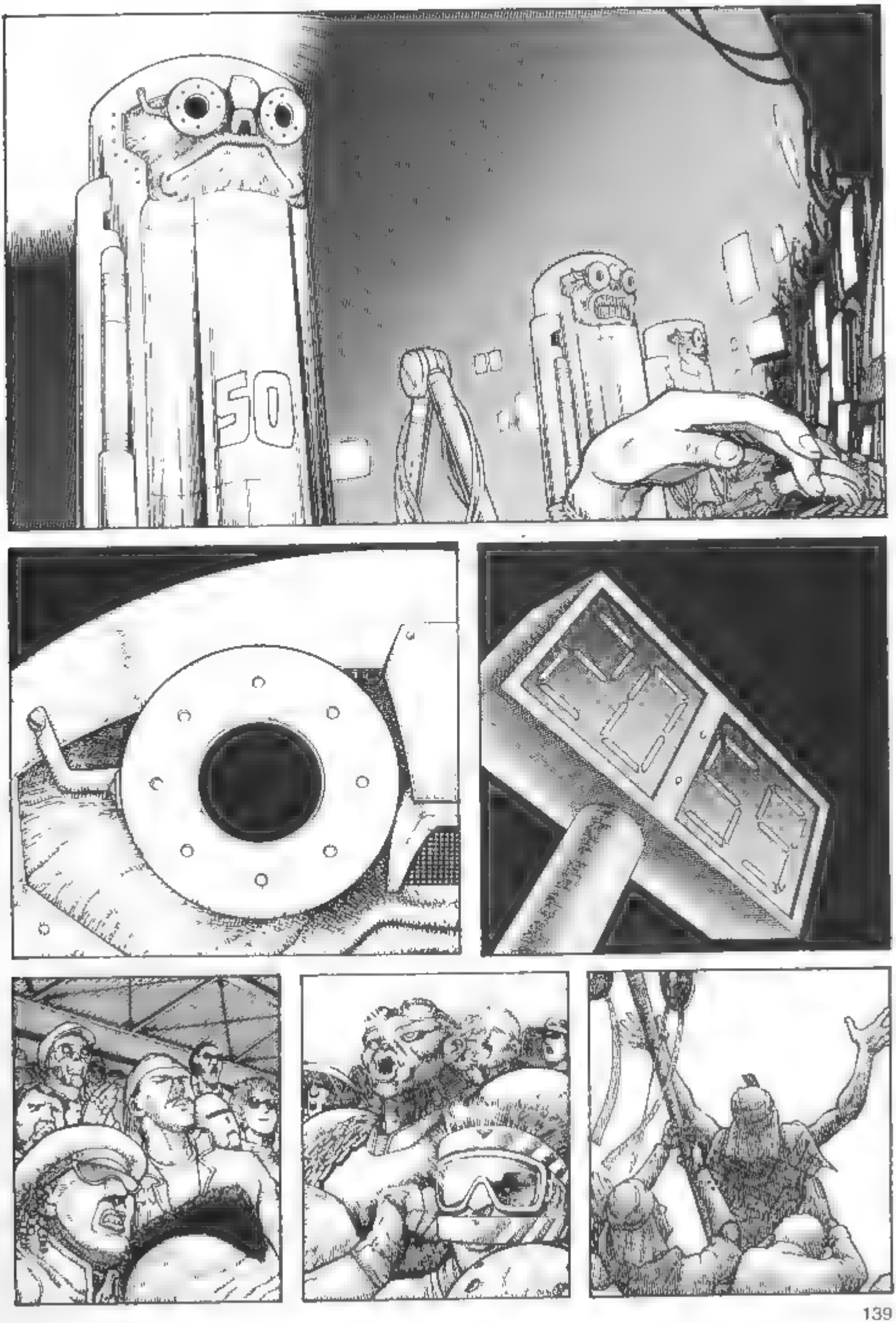


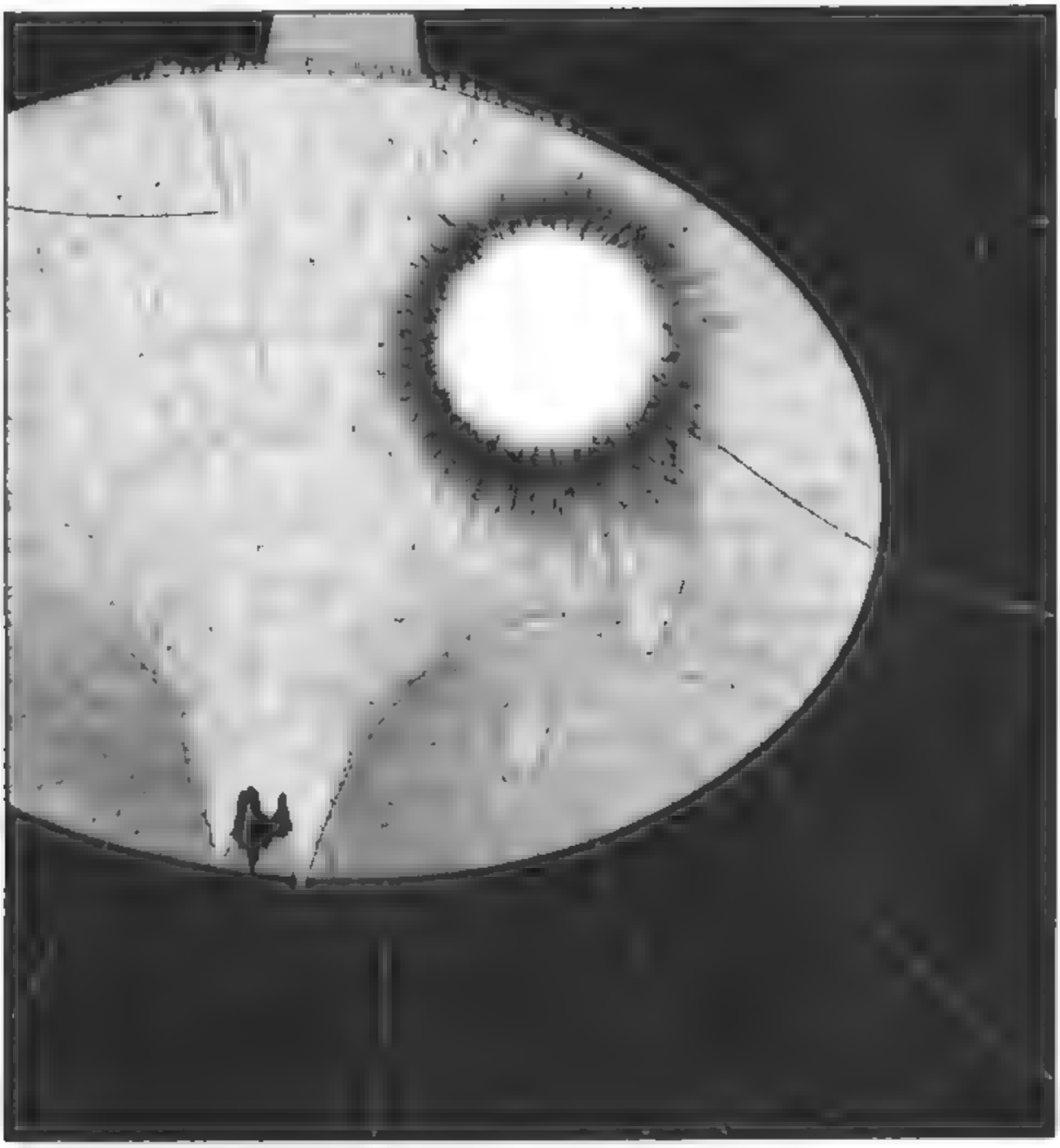


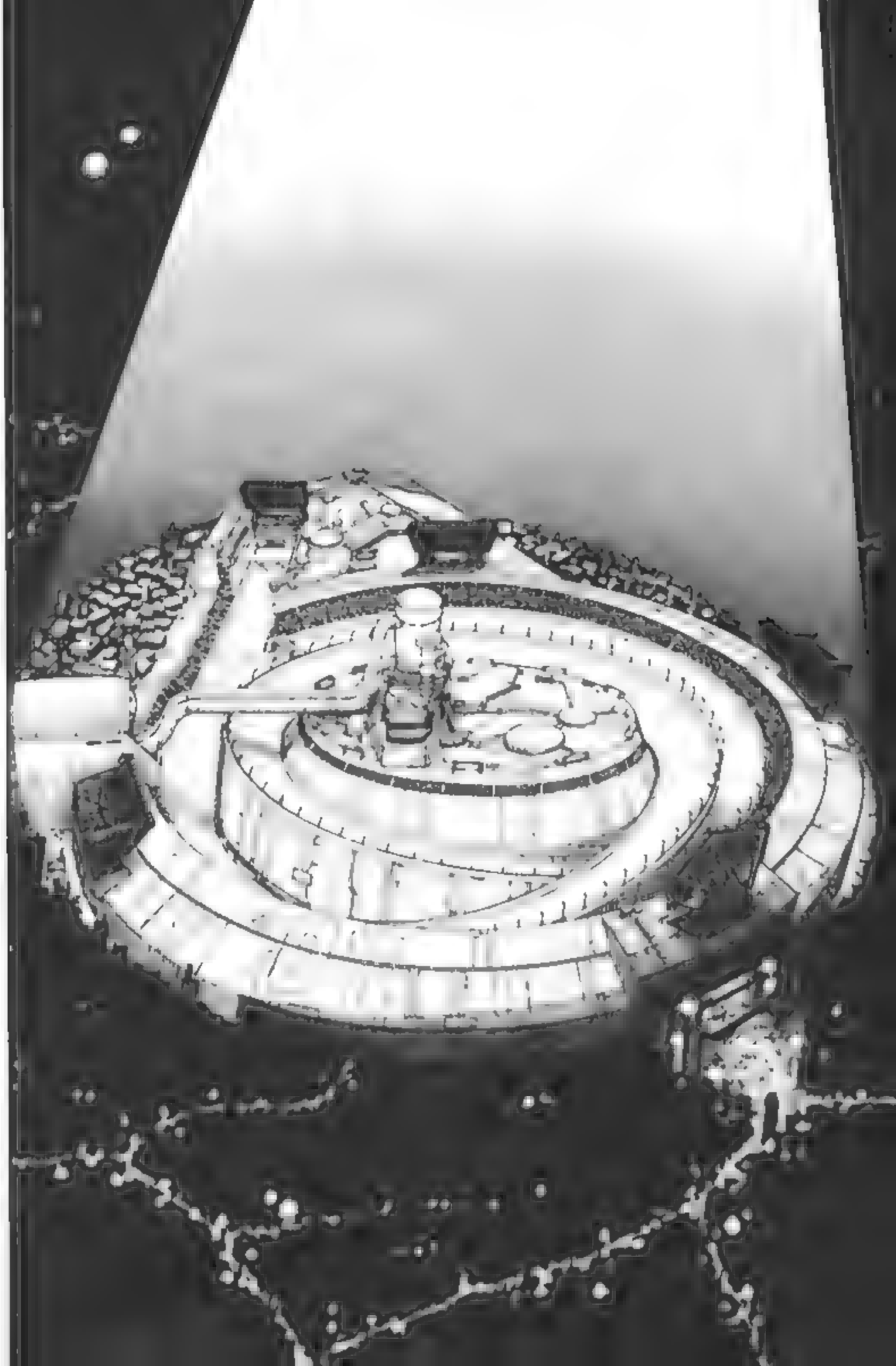












YAAAY
HOORAY!

WAAAA
WOOOO
YAAAAA
BOOO
GO HOME!
BONK
BOOO
ED

KERPLOP
MY SELFISHNESS...
...THAT'S WHAT KILLED ED
I-
KERPLOP

WAAAA!
ED!
WHAT AM I GONNA DO NOW THAT ED'S DEAD!?
UMBA...
UWAH AHH
A-ALITA-- I CAN'T SURVIVE ON MY OWN
sniff
SISTER
...IS IT TRUE YOU'RE QUITTING AFTER THIS GAME !?

WAS MOTORBALL NOTHING BUT A STEPPING STONE TO YOU, SISTER!?
MY LIFE ISN'T HERE ON THE CIRCUIT...
NO--NOT UNLESS YOU TRULY GIVE YOURSELF TO THE GAME
REAL MOTORBALLERS--WE'LL DO ANYTHING TO BRING THE SPECTATORS IN...BY THE ONE TRUE MEASURE, THAT SPITEFUL ARMBLESSED, MY POOR DEAD DISCIPLES--AND EVEN THAT SLUG, TEGEL--EACH IS A REAL MOTORBALLER!
BUT NOT YOU, SISTER.
...YOU'RE NOT A MOTOR-BALLER... NOT ONE OF US...
YOU'RE AN OUTSIDER.

HE'S RIGHT!
ZISH
I WON'T GIVE MYSELF TO ANYONE!
I AM AN OUTSIDER!
KER
LOP

RAAAAHH!!
LOOK! HE'S GOT BOTH OF HIS ARMS! NO HAND CAP!
THE EMPEROR IS SERIOUS!

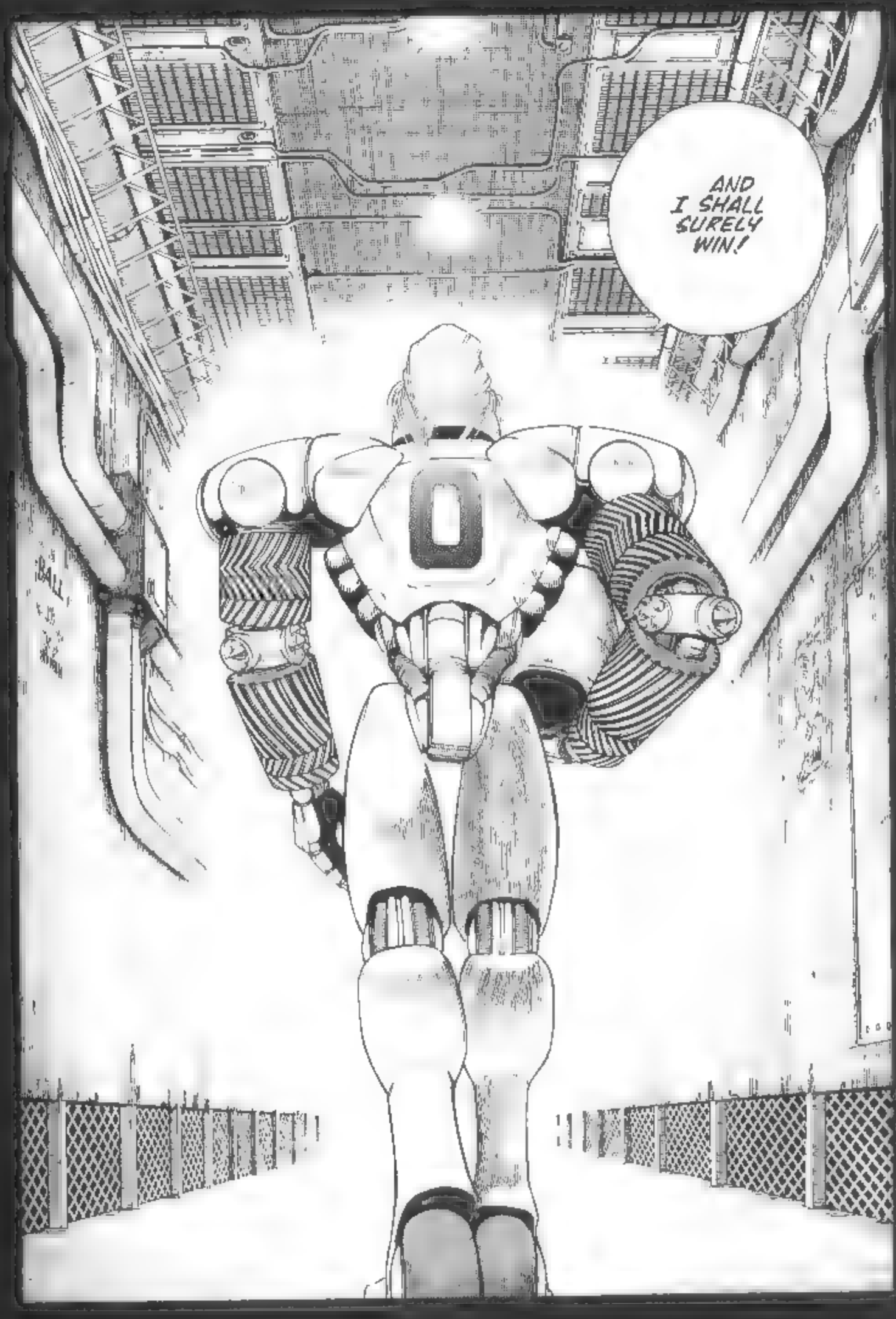
UHNN... UNGH...
I. I'M GOING TO DIE SOON.
...BUT, I.. I AM THE CHAMPION !
...IS THIS HOW IT ENDS?! NO! I WON'T PLEASE THE CROWDS BY DYING SO EASILY..!
SLASH
SOMEONE ONCE SAID, HEROES SHOULD BE KILLED.
A PHANTOM SENSATION FROM A DYING BRAIN...
THERE IS NO PAIN...BUT THIS FEELING IN THE BACK OF MY MOUTH .THIS TASTE .IT'S THE TASTE OF.. DEATH!

BIG BROTHER!
YOU WIN IN GAME TODAY! OKAY!? GOOD LUCK! HERE!
I DO SAY AFTER THIS RACE BIG BROTHER NO HAVE TO RACE ANYMORE.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS..
...SHUMIRA BE REALLY BUSY MAKING YOU MEALS EVERYDAY!
HEE, HEE! SHUMIRA MAKE YOU GOOD LUCK CHARM!
YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY TALENTED...

IS BIG BROTHER CRYING ?
SHUM.RA-- I WANT YOU TO MARRY IDO!
HUH ?

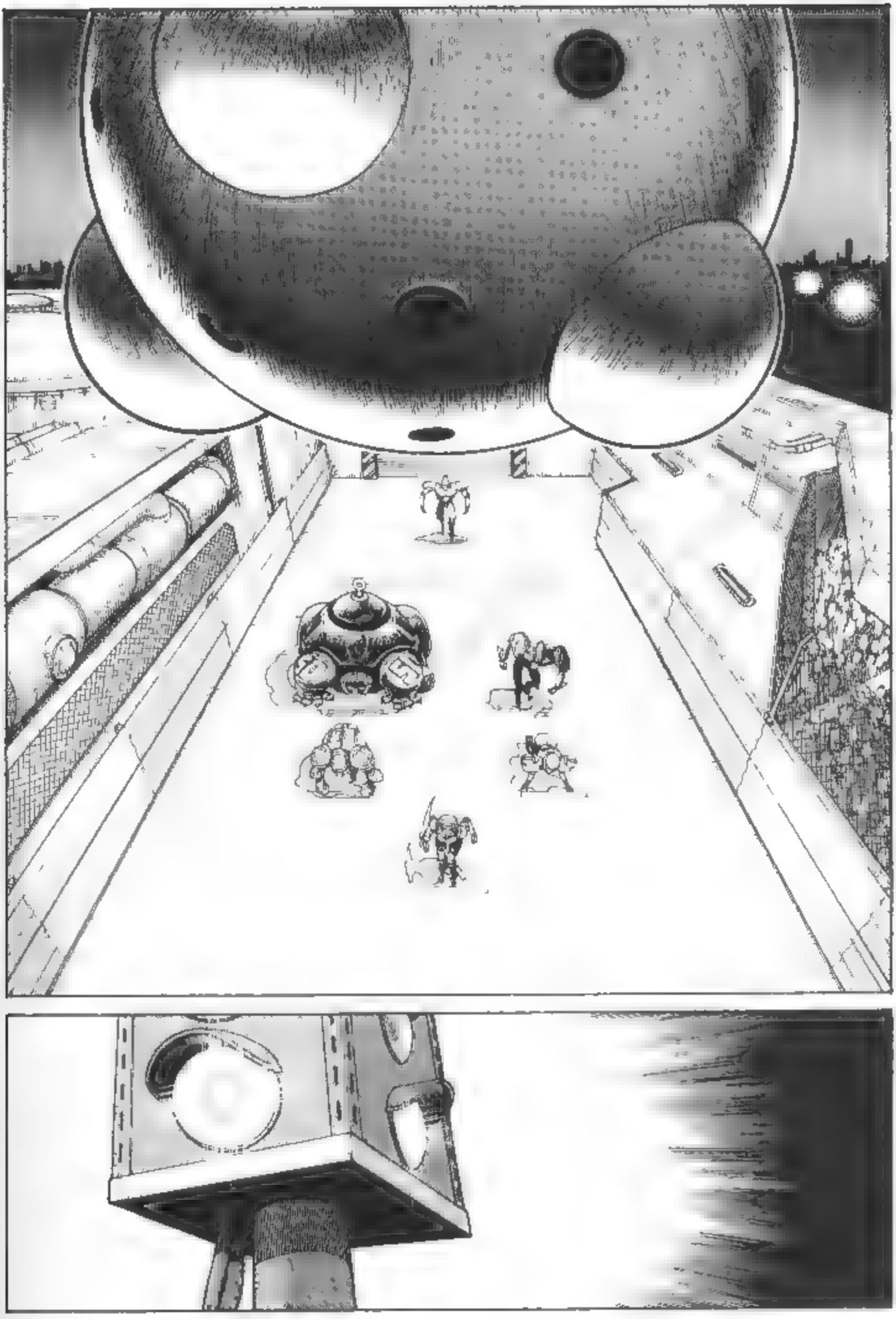
SHUMIRA !?
I'VE SEDATED HER SHE WON'T WAKE UP FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS
BUT SHUMIRA IS YOUR LIFELINE ! WHY!?

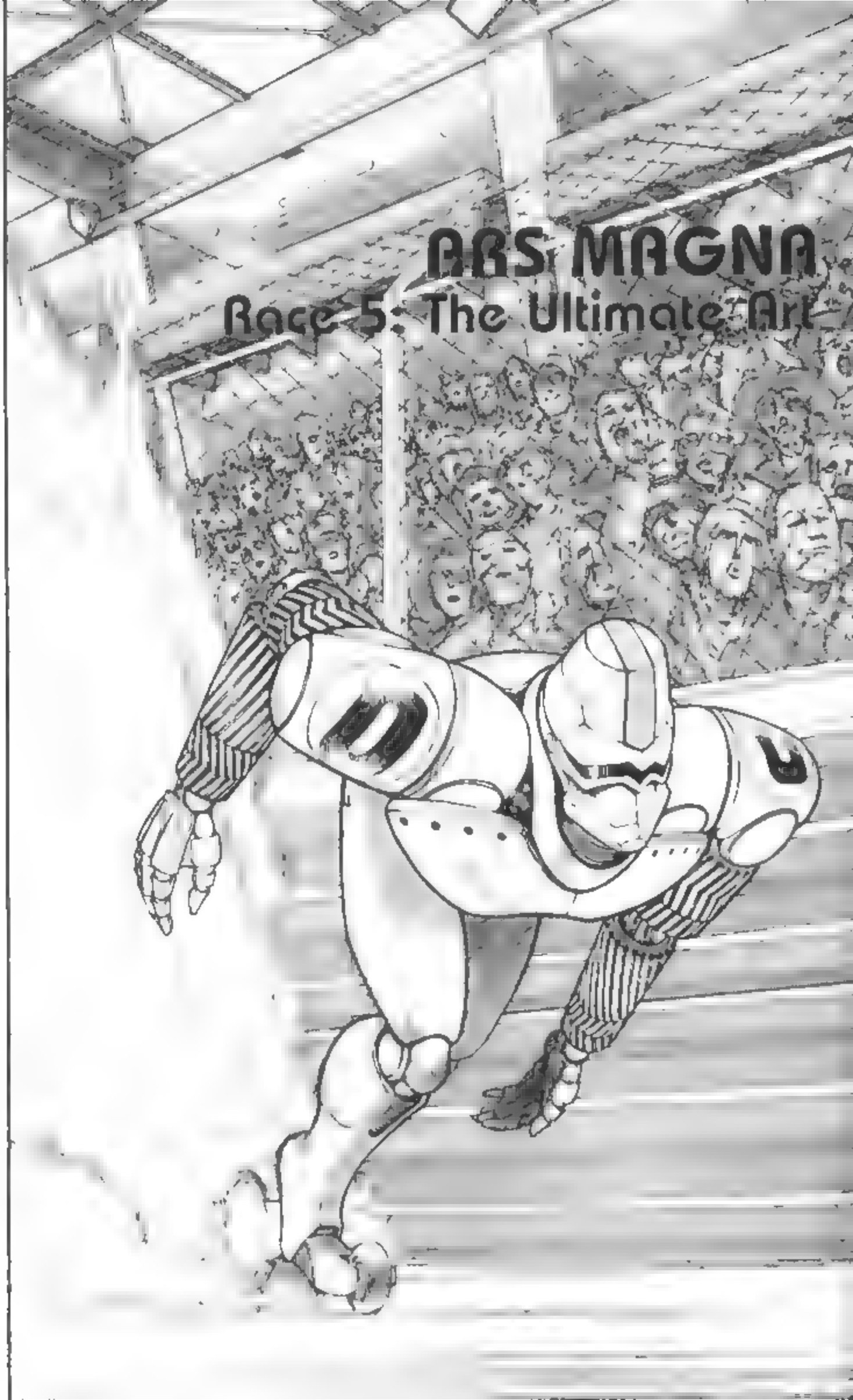
UP UNT.L NOW, I'VE ALWAVS FOUGHT FOR MVSELF..
...BUT FOR THIS LAST RACE, I WANT TO FIGHT FOR HER...
.SO THAT SHUMIRA CAN WALK PROUDLY AS THE CHAMPION'S SISTER...
SO THAT SHE CAN LIVE ON-- STRONG.
JASHUGAN..!
THIS LAST FIGHT WILL NOT BE A MISERABLE ONE...

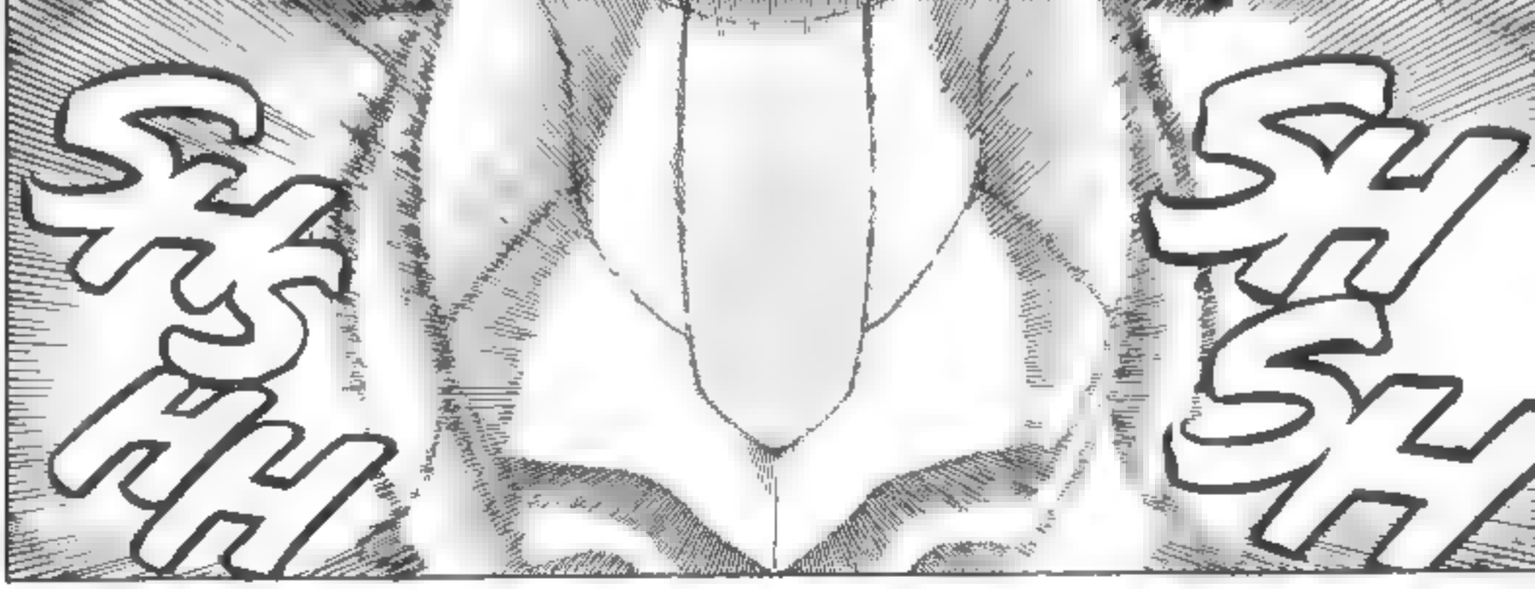

AND I SHALL SURELY WIN!

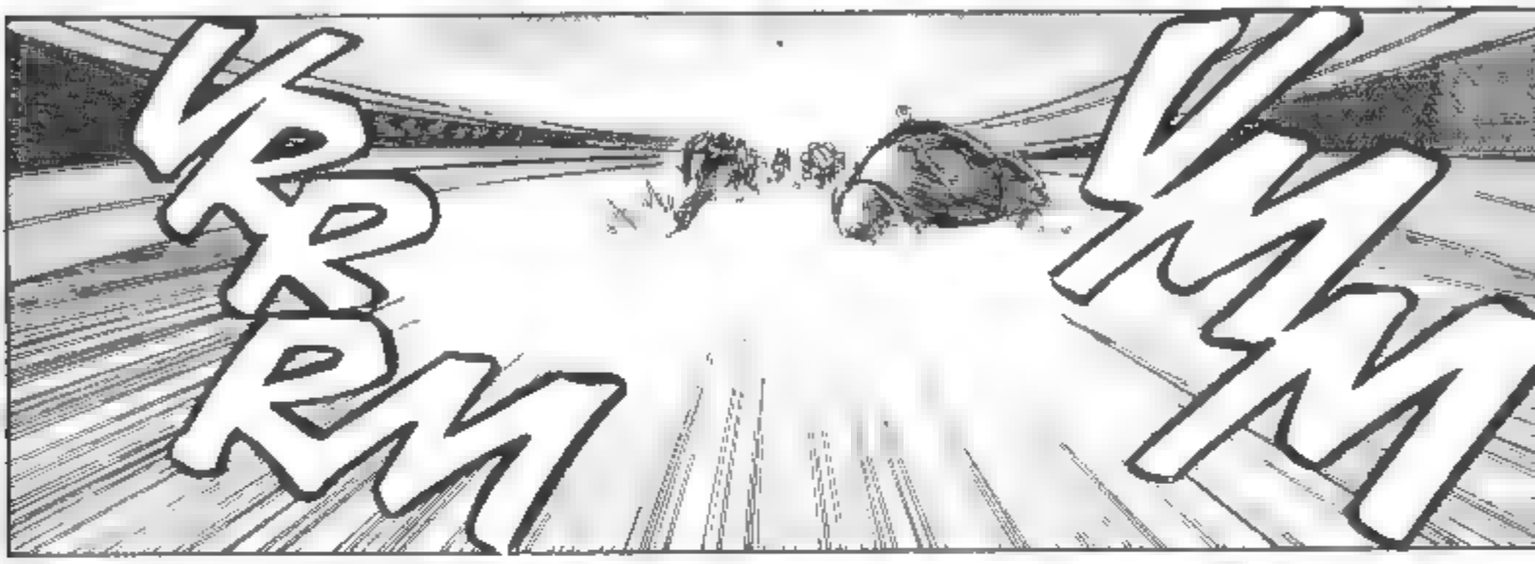
KLANG
KAAAAK
CHAK
KAAAAK

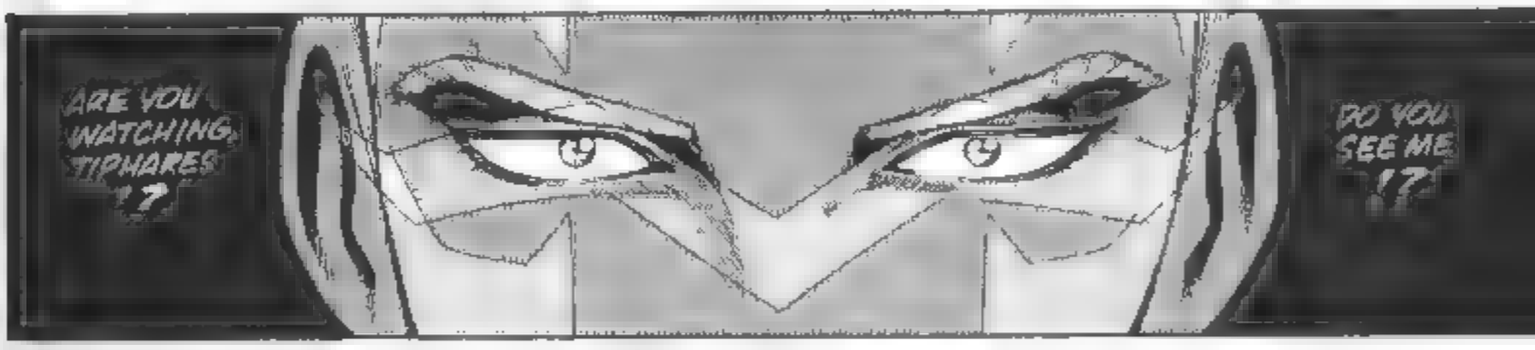
SHAFWANG
AND THE RACE...
BEGINS!



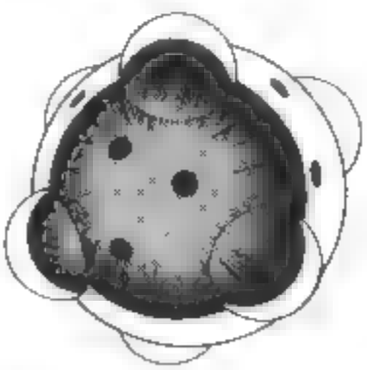

ARS MAGNA
Race 5: The Ultimate Art



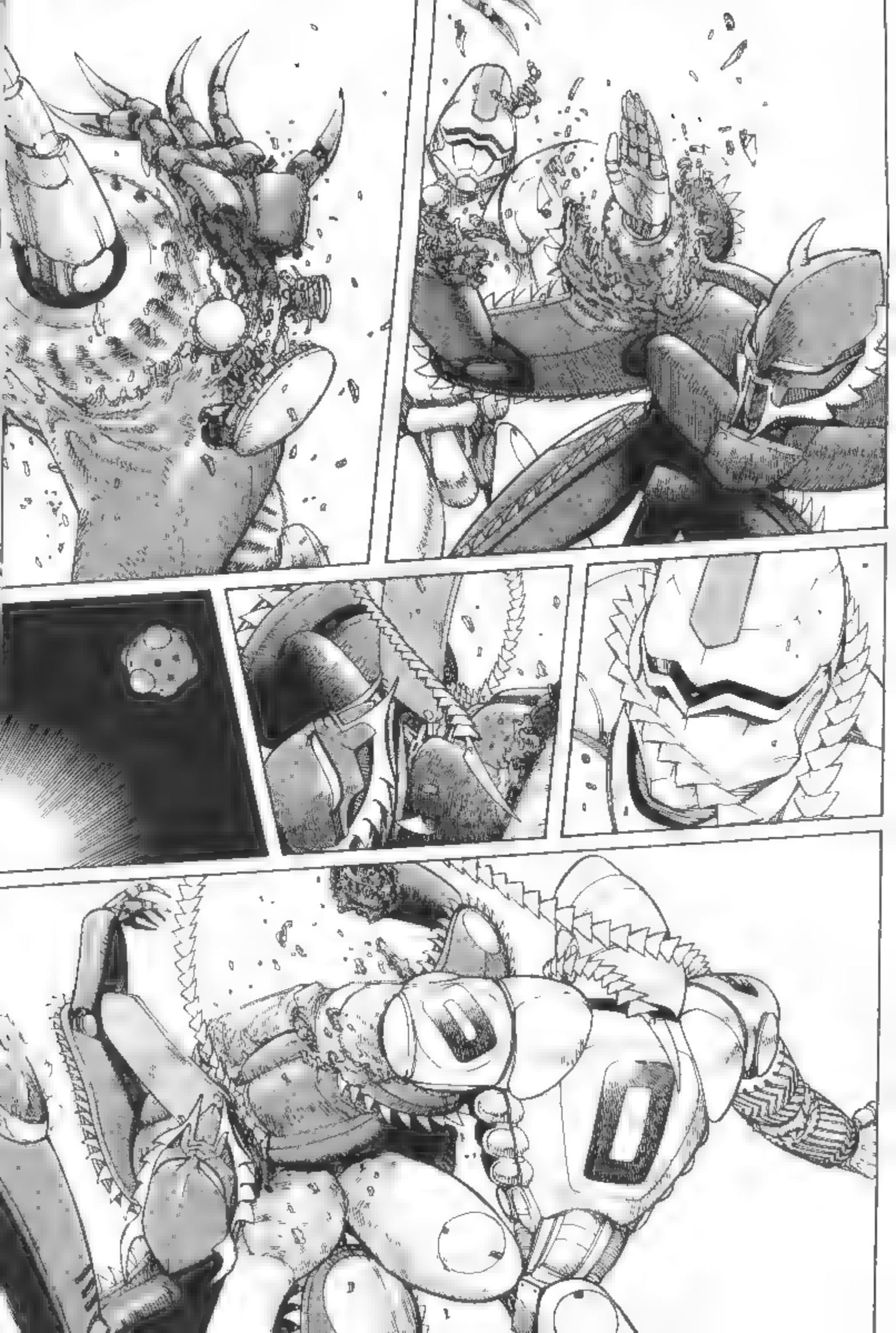


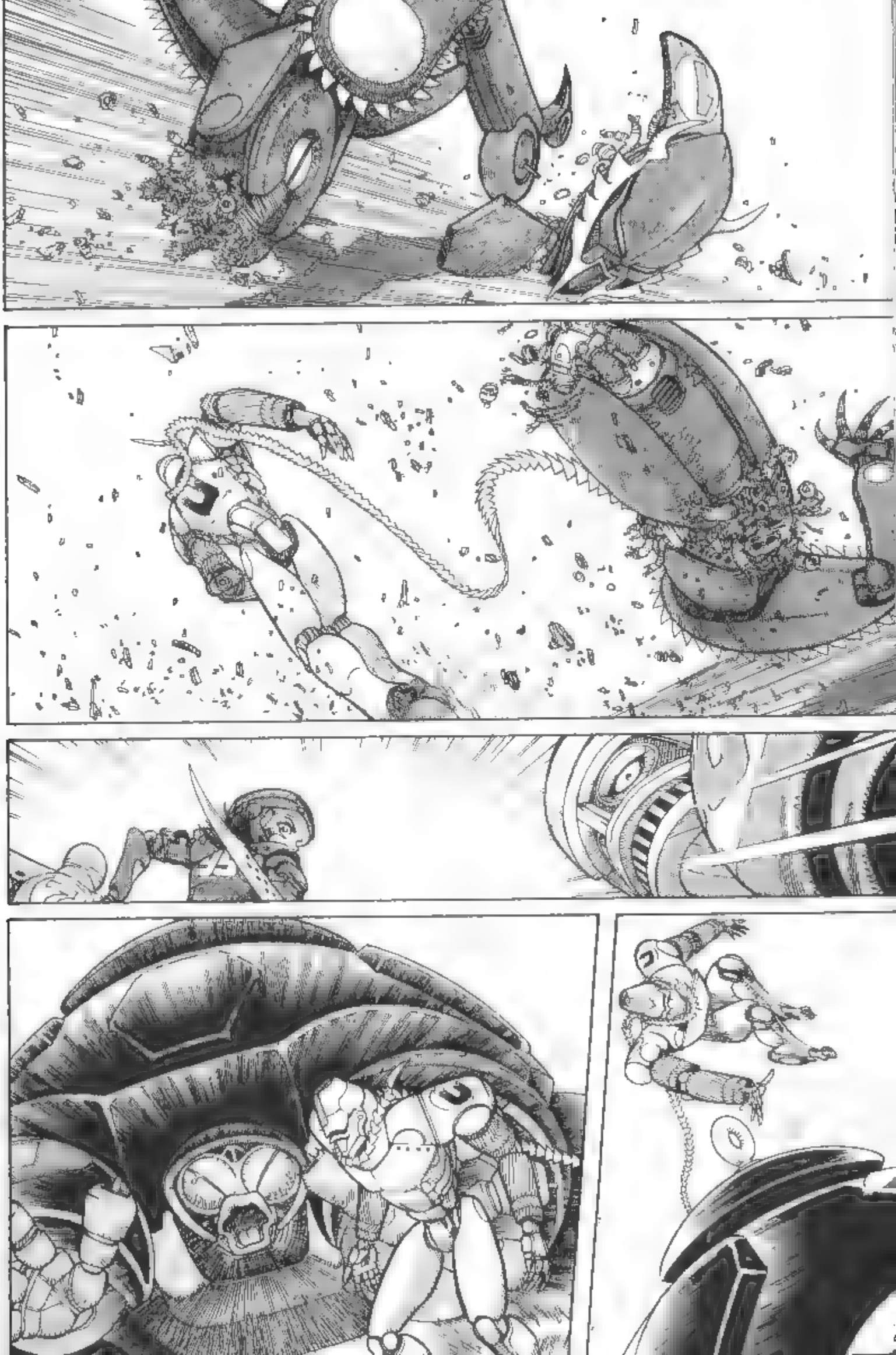


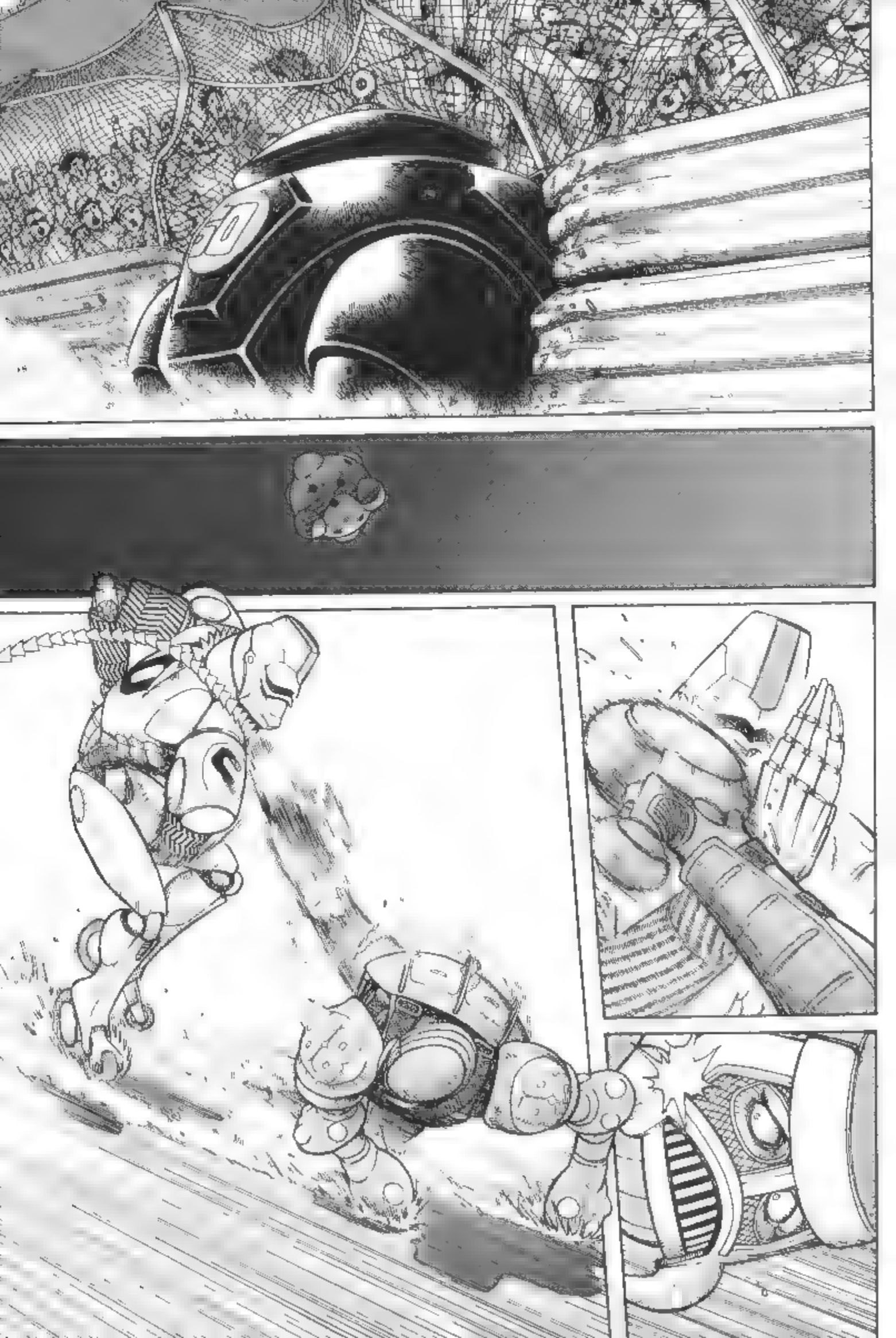
THE TIME I HAVE LEFT IS SHORT...

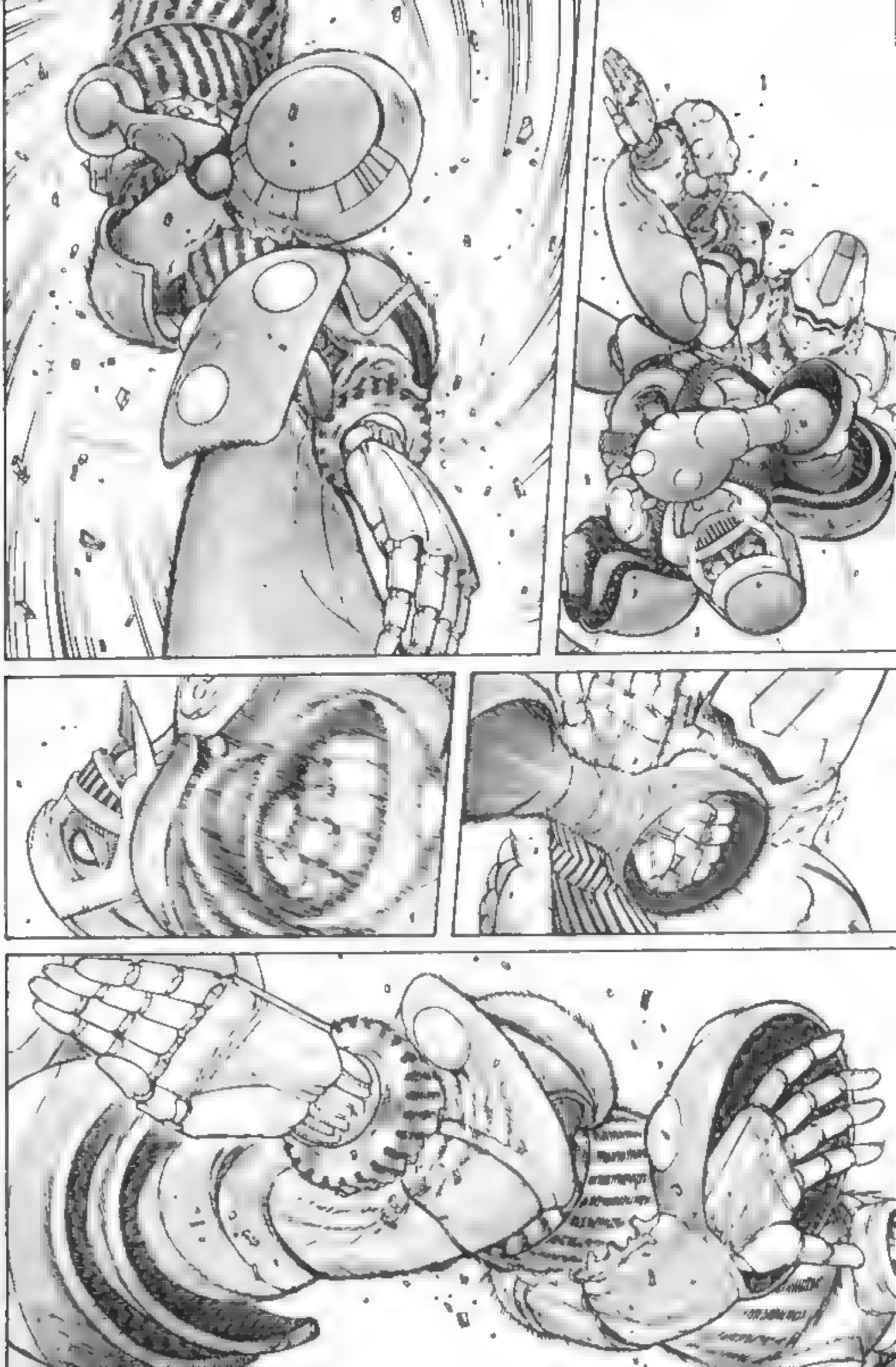


...BUT TO THAT LAST MOMENT, I WILL FIGHT ON AS THE CHAMPION!









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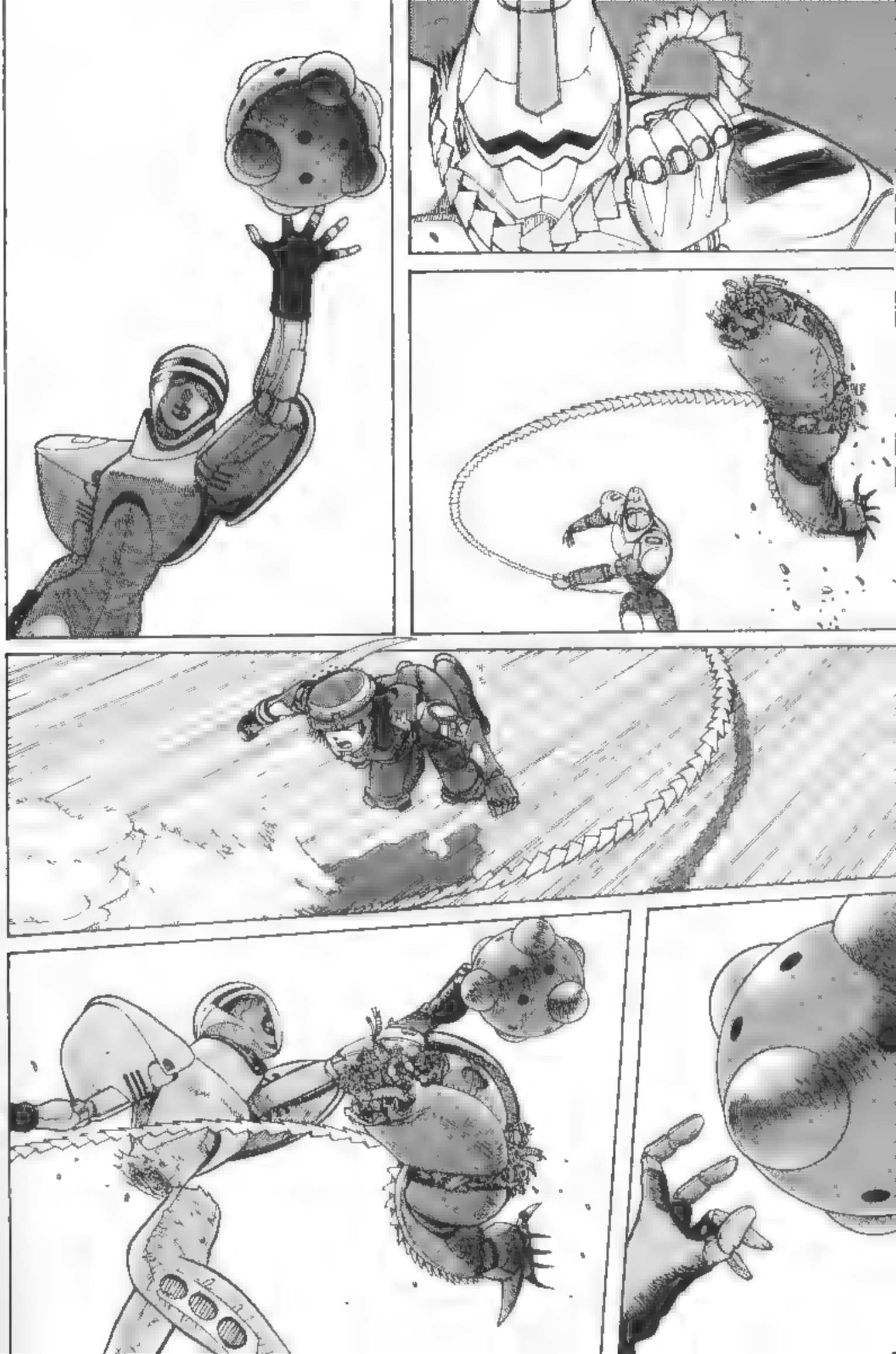

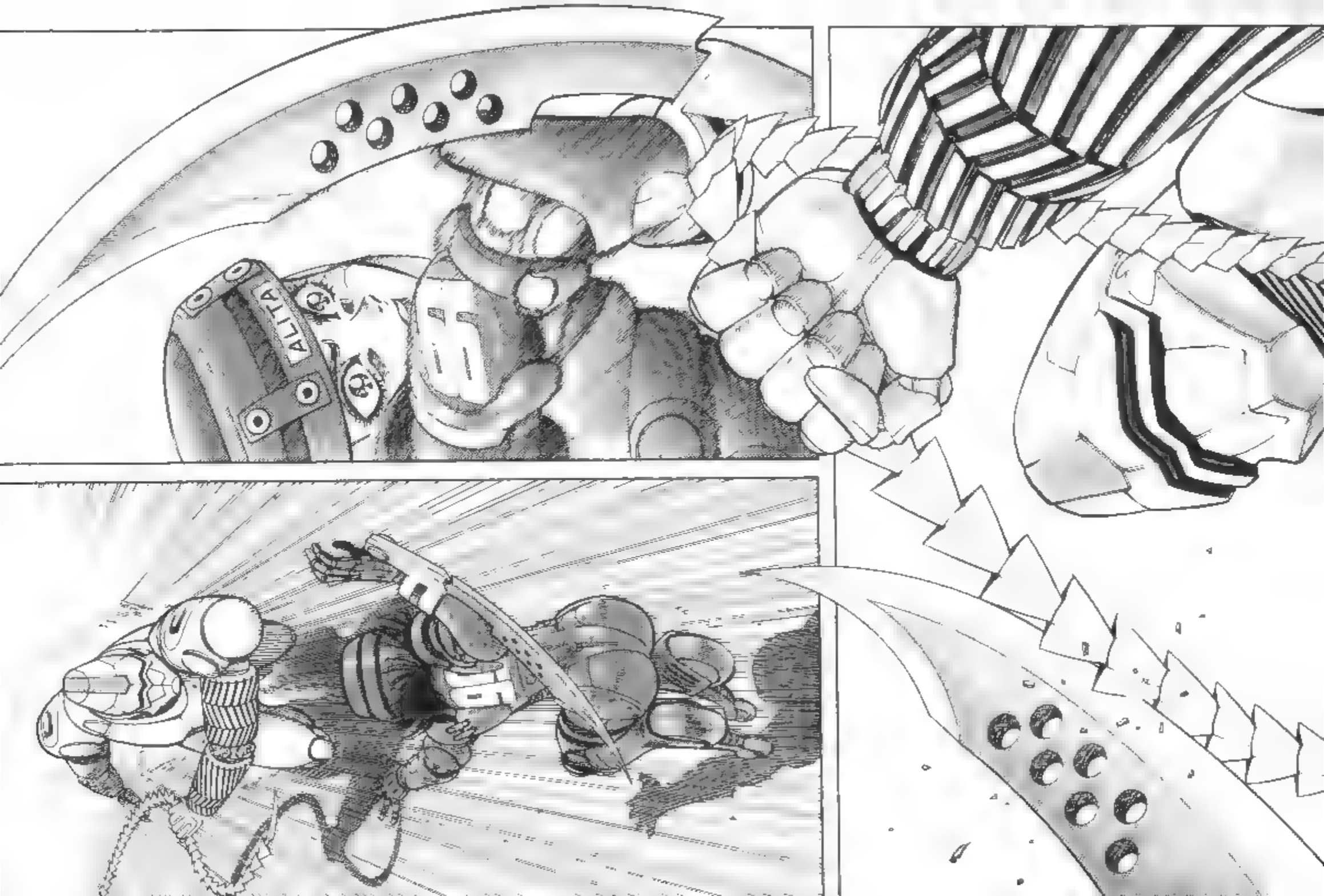
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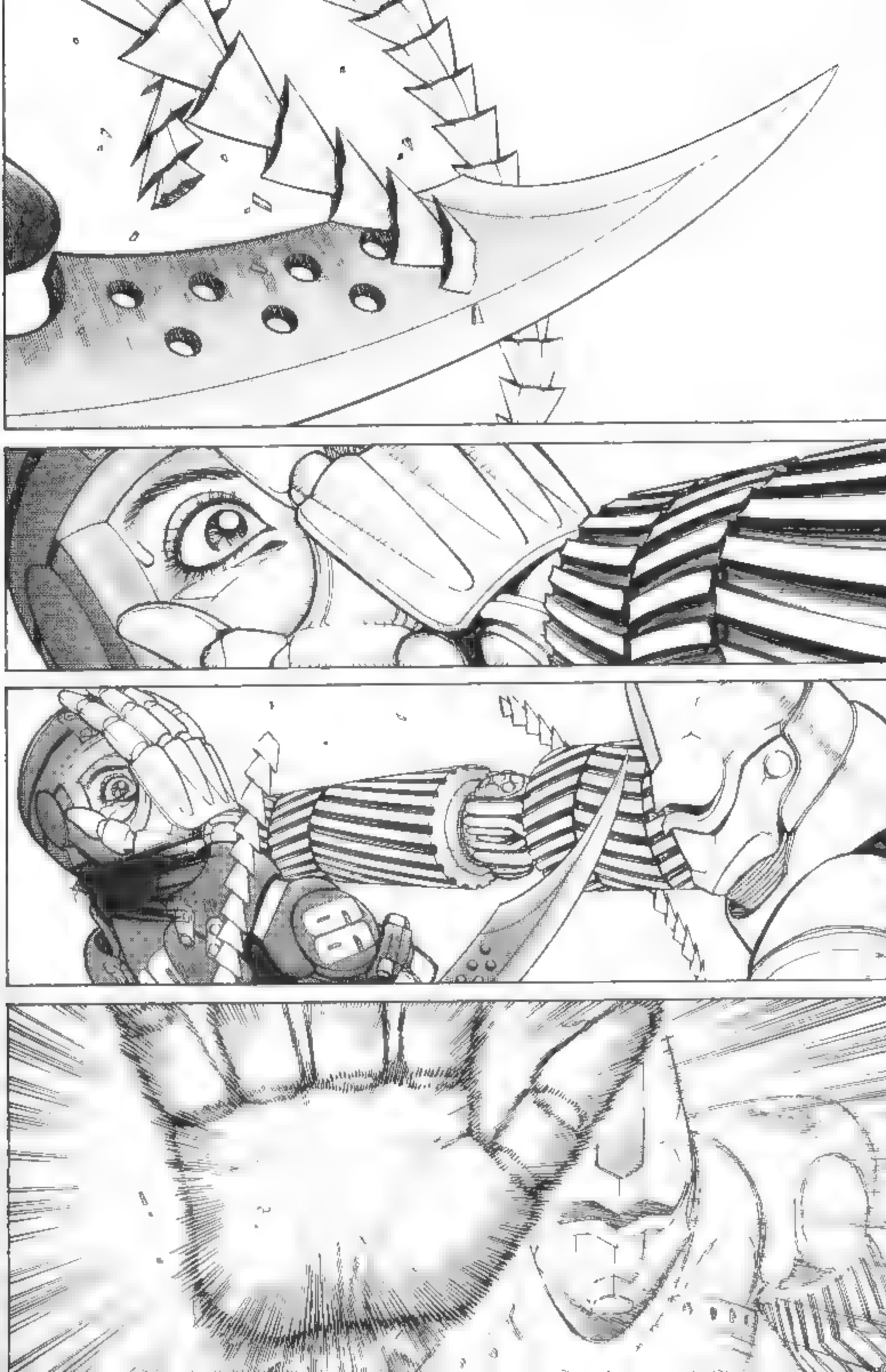


KA-FWANG
KA-KLANG
KAAAA!
. . . . .
..UNGH..
GNOK
WHA-?!
A-ALITA--
!?

FWUMP
BING
LIKE A DEMON, EMPEROR JASHUGAN HAS RIPPED THROUGH THE CHALLENGER TEAM IN JUST SECONDS!
IOIK
SKEEEK
UHHNGH
99
IS THAT ALL, CHILD? IS THAT THE EXTENT OF YOUR STRENGTH?
LET'S SEE THIS PANZER KUNST OF YOURS.
D-DAMN IT!
FASH

!?
WHA--
--WHAT IS THIS. ?
SSSAA A SAAA
HMM..
..I WONDER . AM I DREAM NG...?
SHAA AA SAAA
NO...THIS LANDSCAPE... I KNOW THIS PLACE

EVEN WITH YOUR DOUBLE-X CHROMOSOME BODY, YOU'VE SURVIVED THE PANZER KUNST TRAINING...
..WARRIOR YOKO.
YOKO ?
MASTER !
NO...! MY NAME IS..
BEFORE YOU LEAVE, I WILL PASS ALONG TO YOU THE GEHEIMNIS, THE ULTIMATE SECRET...
MASTER, MY NAME IS--

YAAAY!!
WH--!?
uff
hff
RED PLAINS...
...THE MASTER...
. WARRIOR YOKO...
uff
..WH-WHO AM I .!?
uff
hff
SCARED...
FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO LOSE MYSELF.
..AS IF THERE'S NOTHING CERTAIN IN MY LIFE... NOTHING..!

BUT IF THIS LIFE IS EVER TO MEAN ANYTHING, I NEED TO KNOW... I NEED PROOF..!
AND SO, I MUST FIGHT ON.
99
HYAAA!
SHASH
NNAAH!

FWAK
--YOU DARE !?

CHOK
SKING!
SKEEEE
FWAM

TNG
!
THE EMPEROR'S MASK HAS BEEN CUT!
YAAH!

YOU DEFEATED MY "SIDE WINDER" BY MATCHING MY CHI AND DEFLECTING...!
HAHAHA! WELL DONE!

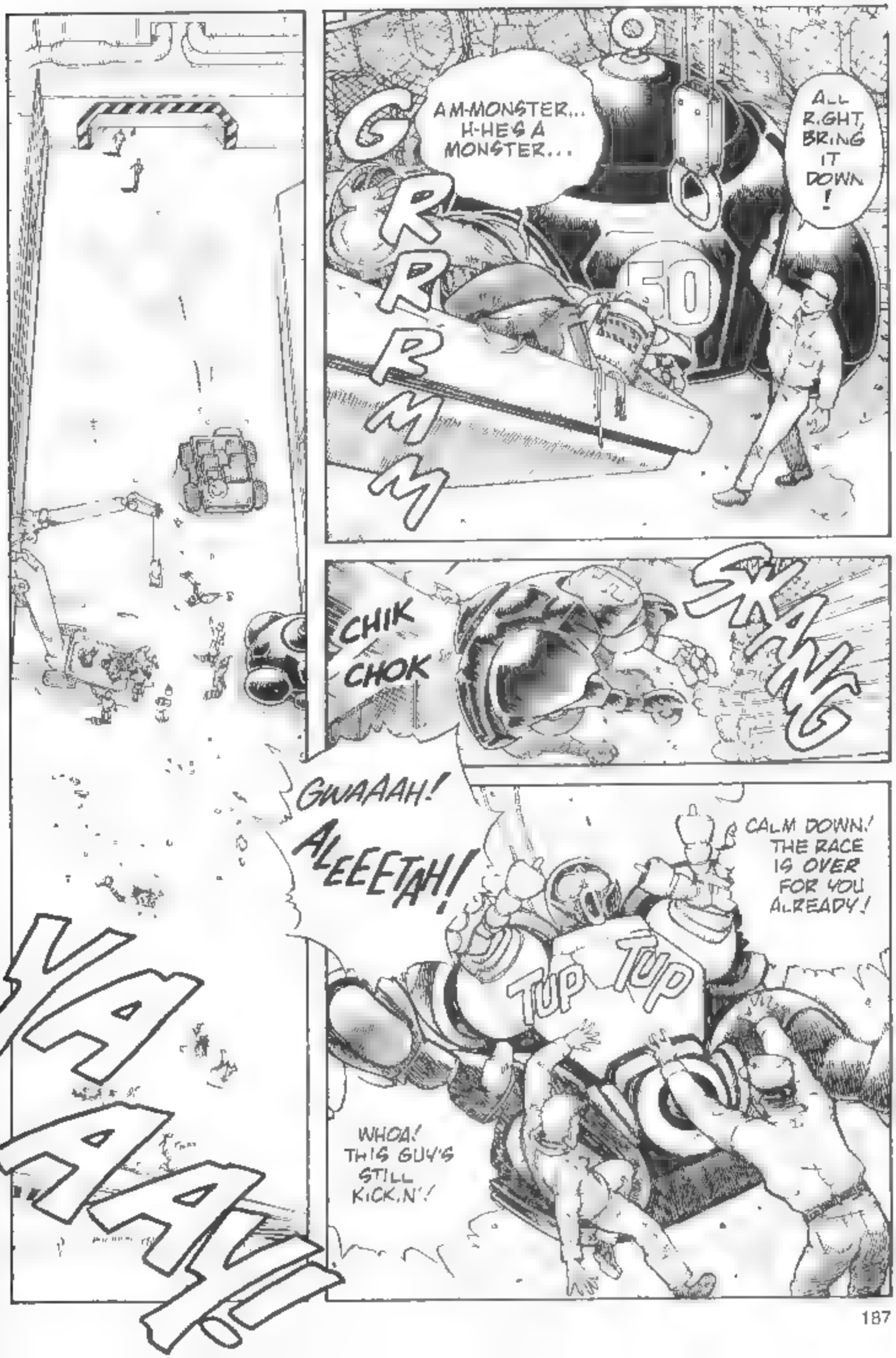
I'VE GOT TO KNOW WHO I AM, JASHUGAN...
...AND I'LL FIGHT YOU FOR THE TRUTH— TO THE DEATH!

HEH HEH! HERE AROUND US IS THE WORLD, ALITA!
SHAA
...!?
AND THIS IS THE GLORY OF THE WORLD!
GLORY! THAT IS WHAT RULES MOTORBALL!
BUT YOU AND I ARE AFTER SOMETHING DEEPER! AREN'T WE!?

THIS MAN SO MUCH LIKE ME.
HEH
TONG
THIS HUNK OF METAL-- MEANINGLESS TO OUR FIGHT!
YAAAA!
BANG
HEH... I WON'T KILL YOU! I PROMISED DR IDO THAT...
...BUT REMEMBER WELL WHAT HAPPENS FROM THIS MOMENT ON!

IT'S A SHOW DOWN!
NOW THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO PLAYERS LEFT THE MOTORBALL IS DISCARDED. THE VICTOR OF THIS ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE WILL BE THE UNDISPUTED MOTORBALL CHAMP ON!

YAAAAY!
I'VE PREPARED TWO BOTTLES OF WINE--
TUSSL
--VECTOR'S UNDERGROUND CONNECTIONS BROUGHT ME TIPHARES' FINEST...
ONE IS TO WELCOME AL'TA BACK, WHEN SHE COMES HOME TO ME...
. THE OTHER, TO CELEBRATE YOUR BROTHER'S VICTORY, SHUMIRA
ZZZZ
HE'LL BE BACK, SAFE AND SOUND. WE'LL DRINK A TOAST... YOU'LL SEE...


AM-MONSTER... H-HE'S A MONSTER...
ALL RIGHT, BRING IT DOWN!
GRRRMM
CHIK CHOK
SHING
GWAAAH!
ALEEETAH!
CALM DOWN! THE RACE IS OVER FOR YOU ALREADY!
TUP TUP
WHOA! THIS GUY'S STILL KICK'N'!
YAAAAY!

THIS IS IT, ALITA!
SSSNNN
FASH
FWOOM
?!
SASH

KANG
KRANG
TH-THEY'RE EVENLY MATCHED! PETITE-BODIED ALITA IS HOLDING HER OWN AGAINST THE UNDEFEATED EMPEROR JASHUGAN!
YAAAA!
MASCHINE KLATSCH'S WEAKEST POINT IS THE MONOTONY OF ITS RHYTHM!
IF I CAN ANTICIPATE HIS FOCUSED CHI ATTACK-- MAKE HIS FIRST STRIKE MISS--THEN MY PANZER KUNST HAS THE CLOSE-RANGE ADVANTAGE!
MATCHING THE OPPONENT'S RHYTHM AND THEN STRIKING WHEN THEY'RE OFF-GUARD!
--THAT'S EINZUG RÜSTUNGEN, PANZER KUNST'S MOST SECRET TECHNIQUE!

WA
VRRR
!?
M-MY EYES..!
I-I CAN HEAR IT-- MY BRAIN DYING
NO NOT YET! I NEED MORE TIME!
DOOM
SKAAA
NOW! FINALE!

CHOK
I MUST NOT LOSE!
WURRRL.
!?
FWURRL

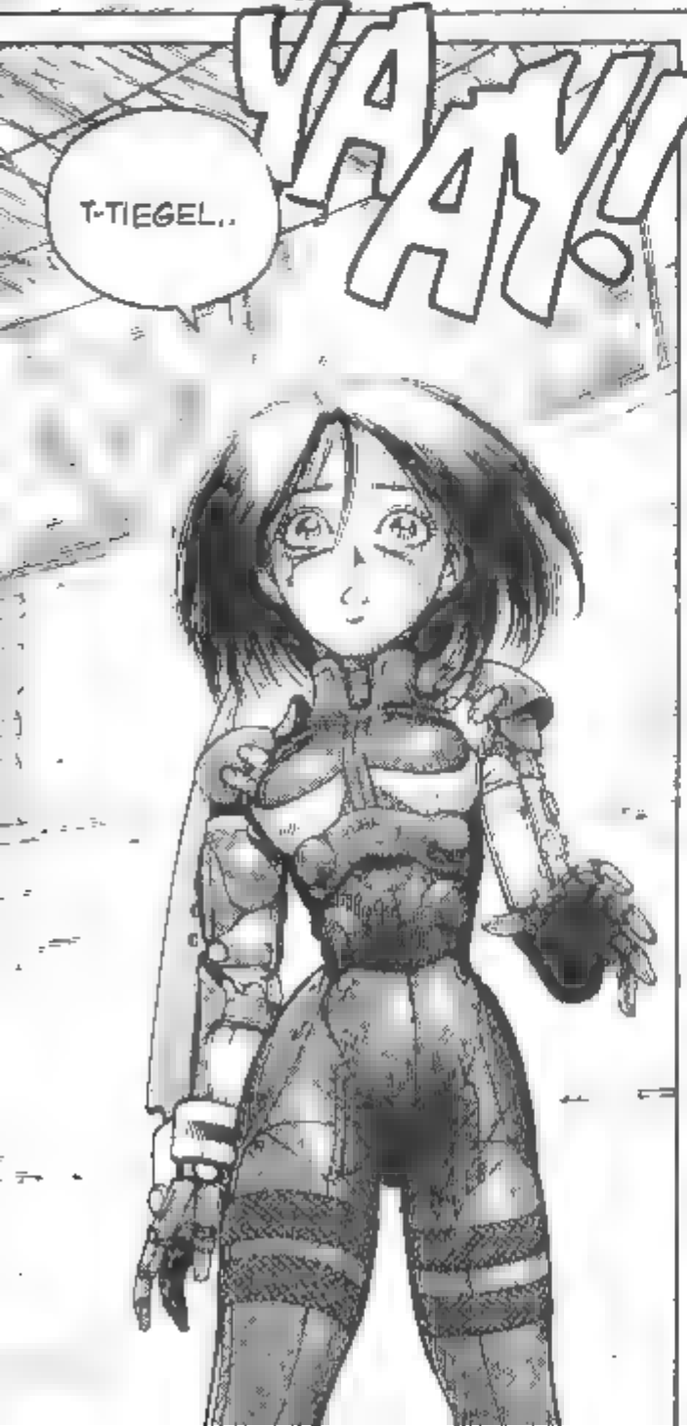
MODE 47! THE SNAPPING GATOR!
KAWHOO
YAAAAY!
AN INCREDIBLE THROW UTILIZING THE MOTORS ON HIS ARMS! ALITA'S IN BIG TROUBLE--!
KILL! KILL HER! CRACK HER SKULL OPEN!
HMM !?
KAESH
KI-
UH

Uhugh..
IT'S OVER, ALITA!
ZSH
MMMMMM
ALEEETAH! I'M HERE TO SAAAAAVE YOU!
UNGH! WHO'RE YOU!?
Woom
MY NAME S

...TIEGEL, THE IMMORTAL!
KAKREK
WHAT A TURN OF EVENTS! TIEGEL MAKES AN EXCITING AND VERY ILLEGAL MOVE-- CUTT NG IN ON THE ONE-ON-ONE SHOWDOWN!
SKREE KREE KREE
KRONSH
-AAAY!
N-NO! TIEGEL! GET AWAY FROM HIM!
KREE KREE
HIYAA!
IN MY WHOLE CAREER, THE ONLY THING I COULD BE PROUD OF WAS MY STURDY BODY!
ZUM
SKREE
NOT EVEN THE CHAMP CAN BREAK THROUGH MY ARMOR!

PIP
DUH ?
POP
KAFOOM
FOOP
TIEGEL'S IN FLAMES--BUT STILL HE CONTINUES TO MOVE ON!
SKREEK
!
WAAARGH!
ST-STOP!
I-I'M GLAD I DIDN'T QUIT, PLAYING MOTOR-BALL..
..B-BECAUSE IN THE END.. I GOT TO FIGHT WITH THE CHAMP...!
ZUM

ZABLAM


T-TIEGEL..
YAAY!!

..DUMMY...
DON'T CRY...

FOOSH
TUMP

HIYAAA!
KAKAKAKA
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
YAAH!
ALITA IS HITTING JASHUGAN'S BODY WITH EVERYTHING SHE'S GOT!
THE EMPEROR IS GETTING PUMMELED!

YEAH! KILL JASHUGAN! KILL-
HMM!?
SHUT UP.
KI-
BZK

GETTING HIT.. HAVE TO DEFEND HAVE TO BLOCK HER ATTACKS
WHAT'S WRONG..? WHAT ARE MY ARMS DOING...? WHERE...ARE MY ARMS...?

THE LEGS WILL DO . WHERE...? MY LEGS...?
WH-WHAT IS THIS . !? I'M A SHELL EMPTY.

IS ..IS THIS ALL I AM. ? AM I SO INSIGNIFICANT ..!?
MELTING.. FADING AWAY. I-I WANT MY BODY I NEED MY BODY!

HA
YAAA!
PLOSH

FOOSH
KAIONK
SHUMIRA. .

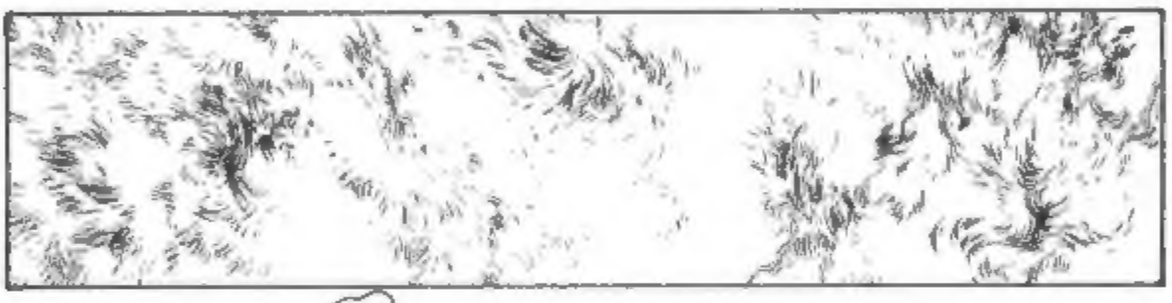
GRUH
WHUD
I DISABLED HIS ARTIFICIAL HEART WITH MY HERTZA HAEON!
(hff)
uff
uff
HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY GET BACK UP..!?
FOOM

FWOOOSH
YOKO, DO YOU KNOW OF THE ULTIMATE SECRET WE SEEK IN ENDURING THIS RIGOROUS TRAINING..?

IT IS TO OBTAIN, EVEN WITH A MACHINE BODY, THE FLESH OF THE GREAT EARTH-- THE ONENESS WHICH TAKES OVER ALL OF YOUR SENSES!
OBSERVE! THE WHOLE UNIVERSE WILL RESIDE WITHIN THAT FLESH, AND THE ARS MAGNA WILL BE YOURS!
ZUZZT
AAAAH!
AAAAAH!
KATOOSH

FATOOM
KAKREK

DEFEATED...
...COMPLETELY...



SPOO
SPSTTT

SPOOOO
SHOOOO
ALITA
!

YOU FOUGHT WELL...! YOU WERE GREAT, ALITA!
UMBA...
BUT I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE NOW...
sniff
...
JASHUGAN... WHERE'S JASHUGAN!?
....!
WAS I SEEING THINGS...?
NO...
I-I FEEL AS IF I'VE BEEN... AWAKENED BY THE POWER OF YOUR ATTACK...
TH-THANK YOU, JASHUGAN... CHAMPION.!

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